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INTRODUCTION

Fan Frenzied

It's no secret that the NBA has some of the most passionate fans on earth. From the purple and black of Sacramento fans' painted faces to the yellow and purple sea of Los Angeles Lakers zealots, the NBA is no stranger to fan love.

And why not? Basketball is the most personal professional sport, thanks to the casual shorts and tank-top jerseys, along with the homey feel of a basketball arena. Where else can fans sit courtside with their favorite players? The NBA welcomes supporters with open arms.

We have with us perhaps the most successful fan of *NBA LIVE 06*, Randy Mohammed, *NBA LIVE 06*'s number one overall leader on Xbox *Live* (seven months and running), of Queens, New York, to provide tips on how to dominate online. Randy Mohammed gets down and dirty to show *you* how he gets it done on the virtual courts.

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What's New?

Before running onto the court and shooting your first three, you need to know what's up this year. Back from last year are Freestyle Superstar types. This year, EA SPORTS™ introduces Freestyle Star types. Every basketball game has an X-factor. Be it an amazing performance by a rookie or a last-ditch effort by a seasoned vet, X-factors are another new feature now represented in *NBA LIVE 07*. Read on to see what else you are in for.

Freestyle Star Types

Much like their super counterparts, Stars are players whose skills are "above the rim." They might not be able to fly as high as Superstars, but they are slightly more endowed with b-ball skill than the average player.

Making a Star type player part of your offensive scheme can enhance your team's performance. The enhancement might not rival that of a Superstar type, but it is definitely worth it. Reference the following tables for a refresher course in Freestyle Star and Superstar type icons.

FREESTYLE STAR TYPES

ICON	TYPE	SKILLS
	Inside Scorer	The inside scorer Star is a player on the verge of Superstar status. His inside scoring abilities are slightly more elevated than those of the average player.
	Power	This type of player can throw his weight around the court, influencing defense and creating open lanes for his teammates; just be careful when going up against a power Superstar type.
	Outside Scorer	These players can sink the triple, but not with the same frequency as a Superstar.
	Highflyer	Just because they aren't Superstars doesn't mean these high-flying Stars can't soar—it just means that their skills, once they're up high, aren't as developed. They can jump as high, but they might not be able to rebound or dunk as proficiently.
	Inside Stopper	Plug up the other team's interior game and cause some ruckus in the paint. Just watch out for inside scorer Superstars; consider them your nemeses.
	Shooter	Just like the Superstar type shooters, these guys are integral parts of your team. Use a Star shooter to supplement your other Superstars' abilities. You're in good shape even if you have only one Star shooter on your team.
	Outside Stopper	Shut down the perimeter with outside stoppers. Use these Stars to balance the game in your favor by creating mismatches on defense and stealing the ball.
	Playmaker	Key to all teams, Star playmakers get the ball moving and run your plays. As with shooters, if you have at least one playmaker on your team, you can rest a little easier.

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FREESTYLE SUPERSTAR TYPES

ICON	TYPE	SKILLS
	Inside Scorer	Players with this icon can score in the paint almost every time. Their ball-handling skills are top-notch and are a key part of any offensive scheme.
	Power	Shaq, Kevin Garnett, and Karl Malone are examples of players with great power. The entire court is their domain; be careful when getting in their way.
	Outside Scorer	Outside scorers are much more important this year. Playing the perimeter game is just as important as running the paint. Watch out for these Superstars. T-Mac fans rejoice!
	Highflyer	These ballers got hops. They can rise above the rest, and usually do. Their dunking skills are a thing of beauty. Just don't forget how important a strong vertical is on rebounds.
	Inside Stopper	When you've absolutely *got* to stop the opposing team's interior game, inside stopper Superstars are key. Think Yao Ming and Tim Duncan defense, and you know what we mean.
	Shooter	The shooter Superstars can be the heart and soul of any team. These players are a threat from all areas on the court. They can shoot, they can lay it up, and they can drop the three.
	Outside Stopper	Outside stoppers are a little harder to come by. Though they are usually great defensive stoppers, outside stoppers have value beyond most defensive players. These guys keep you from getting burned by threes and playmakers working the perimeter.
	Playmaker	Valued slightly above shooters, these players are just as they sound—playmakers. They make things happen on the court. You won't get a chance to shoot if there isn't someone on your team who can run the plays.

The X-Factor

You've seen it happen before. A game is progressing normally, sometimes in your team's favor, and then suddenly a particular player ups the ante and brings his "A" game to the court. Suddenly, he is sinking threes like it's going out of style and playing it as cool as the other side of the pillow. That is the X-factor. This year's *NBA LIVE 07* reflects that with players on every team.

To unlock your X-factor, keep your team's X-factor player involved in the offense as much as possible. Once unlocked, you can elevate his game by temporarily turning him into a Freestyle Superstar. Because each player is different, the X-factor will activate a different type of Freestyle Superstar depending on his skills. For example, by unlocking the Miami Heat's X-factor, Antoine Walker, you gain a Freestyle Superstar playmaker on your team.

Dynasty Mode Improvements

Players hungry to test their mettle as general managers (GMs) get another 25 years to make it to the coveted NBA Finals. This time around, however, they are blessed with new improvements to Dynasty mode.

Begin with EA SPORTS's new ESPN Mock Draft, complete with tips, picks analysis, and depth deficits to consider; enhance it with ESPN's Rumor Central to keep track of prospects; and even consider team chemistry when putting your team together, scheduling off days, and organizing your depth chart.

Players in it for the long haul now have to take player fatigue into consideration. Over the course of a season players experience wear and tear affecting how they perform and their career longevity. To manage players properly, GMs can now affect player rotation. Player rotation dictates who starts, how many minutes they play, and how the minutes will be distributed for simulated games. This year's Dynasty mode is deeper, more complex, and more robust in features. Now get to it: Year 1 of 25 starts in '07!





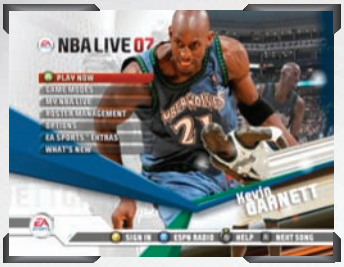


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WHAT'S YOUR MODE?

No matter what level of ball you like to play, *NBA LIVE 07* has a mode for you. Pick up and play against the computer or a friend in Play Now mode, if you'd like. Perhaps you're a hands-on kind of player and prefer the depth of Season mode. Whatever your flavor, we've got you covered. The following pages reveal the ins and outs of each mode.

Play Now







Feel the sudden urge to ball? Select Play Now mode to jump right into the high-flying action. No need to worry about fantasy drafts, practice, or season length; this is instant basketball gratification.

Grab one or a couple of friends and face off against each other or the computer. After selecting Play Now mode at the Main menu, players choose teams to compete with. Align your controller with a team jersey to play as that team.

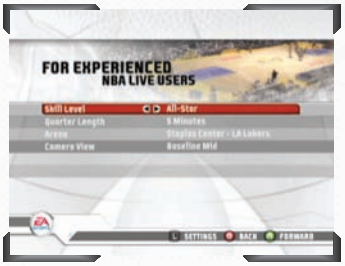






At the next screen, choose which jersey to use for your teams. If you feel a bit retro, choose a throwback jersey. Partial to your team's away jersey? That's cool too. It's your game, with your flavor.

Next, select your starting lineup. Make early substitutions here to suit your gameplay style. Also check your team's Freestyle Superstars. Choose wisely; you don't want to make substitutions early because you didn't set up shop here.





Once your teams are set, adjust the finer details of your game.

Skill Level: Choose between Rookie, Starter, All-Star, and Superstar difficulties. Difficulty ascends starting at Rookie level.

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Quarter Length: Quarters can range from 2 to 12 minutes each. How long do you want your game to be?

Arena: Any arena is at your fingertips. Try playing in Arco Arena with the Miami Heat as home team. Interesting.

Camera View: Perhaps one of the most important options to toggle through, this changes the view you get of the in-game action.

Access the Settings menu here to adjust the rules of your game. Shot clock settings, backcourt violations, goaltending—it's all there. Other preferences to set here include music, commentator, and sound effects volume. Once you have chosen everything that suits your style of play, get your game on.

NOTE

The home team's arena is picked by default. If you don't change the arena during setup, it will be whichever arena belongs to the home team.

Play Online





Selecting Game Modes throws you into a robust menu packed full of options. The first among them is to play online. If you have a high-speed Internet connection and an Xbox *Live* account, or a PlayStation 2 network adapter and an 8MB memory card, you can hop online and test your skills against top-ranked players—or become one yourself.

TIP

Peep our "Dominating Online" chapter later in this book to get tips from one of *NBA LIVE 06*'s best and brightest ballers, Randy Mohammed. Practice your passes, hone your jumpers, and sharpen your threes, because you never know when you might end up facing him on the court.

Season





Take control of your favorite franchise for a season. In Season mode you can have a hand in every single game your team plays throughout the season. If you don't want to be that hands-on, no worries—simply simulate the games you'd rather skip over.

In simulating a game, the computer breaks down each team's strengths and weaknesses, factors in some numbers, and, voilà, instant game results. The best part is that whether you choose to fly through a season or not, you can customize the season to be as fantastic or as realistic as you want. Play through the season with your team or create a team of your own. Play an entire season or shorten it up by a few dozen games. It's all your choice.

TIP

Choose Intervention in the Simulation Type option before beginning your season. That way, you can intervene between quarters of games as they undergo simulation.

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Pick Up the Clipboard

The following options can be adjusted before beginning a season.

SEASON SETTINGS

SETTING	OPTIONS
Division	Choose to compete in the Pacific, Northwest, Southwest, Atlantic, Central, or Southeast Division.
League Type	Options are Default NBA or Custom. By choosing Custom you can pick which teams compose your personal fantasy division. Default ensures things remain at the status quo; all teams will be represented in their respective divisions.
Season Length	Cycle between 28, 56, or 82 games for your season. Short and sweet or simulation bliss?
Fantasy Draft	Turn on the Fantasy Draft option to draft your fantasy team from the entire NBA roster. If you want to face actual teams with their official rosters, leave this option off.
Simulation Injuries	Injuries are part of the game, whether you dig it or not. Leave this option on to experience a more realistic season and allow the possibility of losing valuable players to injury during simulated games. How will you adjust?
Injury Notify	Leave this option on to get the 4-1-1 on player injuries. You will get injury notifications and be allowed to check your rosters. If you don't want to be bothered by every little bit of news, turn this option off.
Sim Quarter Length	As in Play Now mode, this determines each quarter length. Simulated games can last between 2 and 12 minutes, with 1-minute increments to choose from.
Playoff Length	This option determines the maximum number of games needed for a playoff victory: 7-7-7-7 indicates a "Best of 7" series, for example. Because each series cannot end in a tie, each series can only be in odd numbers, 1-1-1-1, 3-3-3-3, or 5-5-5-5.
Switch Teams	Turn on the Switch Teams option to be able to take control of the opposing team in a season game. As we have suggested in previous guides, disable this to ensure maximum realism. Kobe cannot switch team jerseys halfway through a game, so why should you?
Modify CPU Rosters	This option allows you to modify the other teams' rosters.
Trade Restrictions	Believe it or not, this is a very helpful tool for evaluating your management skills. Leaving this option on restricts trades to more realistic NBA-style roster management. Turn this option off to do away with fair trades.
Trade Deadline	You can't mull over a possible trade forever. By turning this off, you can trade at any point during the season; otherwise you have up until a certain date in the season to complete all your trades.
CPU Initiate Trades	You're not the only GM in the league that wants to better his or her team. CPU GMs will offer their own trade proposals if you enable this option.
Simulation Type	This option is great for ensuring your team has a perfect season in the shortest amount of time possible. If a simulated game isn't bouncing in your direction, use the Intervention feature to take the reins and pull your team out of a hole. By leaving this option on Regular, you are relegated to watching your team lose should it have a bad simulated game. Choose wisely.

NOTE

Because last year's Schedule Type option has been removed, your season schedule will be randomly generated, ensuring a fresh experience every time.

TIP

With the Modify CPU Rosters option, you can temporarily rearrange an opposing team's roster to revisit a game from a previous season before certain players were traded away.

Schedule





Arranged like a clear and concise monthly calendar, the schedule lists all upcoming games. Home games are highlighted green on the calendar dates, while away games are in blue. To toggle through the months, follow the on-screen prompts atop the screen.

Though at first glance this may seem like just another bit of information, it is actually a very helpful tool for planning ahead. If you are facing a particularly tough team or are rapidly approaching a series with a division rival team, plan accordingly. Rest your Superstars or play them more carefully to ensure they are fresh for that key game. The same goes for planning for home or away games.

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TIP

Use the schedule to play or simulate your season according to your play style. Skip over games you find lackluster, and play only heated rivalries if you want. If facing a high-octane team is too much pressure, skip the series. It's your choice.

CAUTION

Be sure you want to skip over a game before you simulate it. If you don't like the result, you're stuck with it.

TIP

Make good use of the schedule; it isn't there just to look pretty. By keeping a close eye on your win/loss record and planning ahead, you can ensure a spot in the playoffs. Lose sight of it, and all your hard work could go to waste while you watch your division rival move on to the post-season.

Roster Management





True GMs will care enough about their team's depth to dive into the Roster Management options. Though the end result can sometimes be a team that is vastly different from the one you started with, it is a great way to experiment with different rosters.

Mess with the following options to create, maintain, and lead a solid team.

Reorder Rosters: Switch around your starting lineup to create mismatches with other teams. If you feel a particular player will be better off against a particular team, plug him into the starting lineup. Similarly, if a starter isn't cutting the mustard, let him ride the bench while a backup gives it a go.

Trade Players: If you enabled Trade Restrictions before starting a season, this option will take some time and careful planning to master.

Consider your overall team's well-being before offering a top starter for another top-ranked NBA player. On paper, having King James on your team might sound great, but if he isn't able to contribute beyond what your team lacks, it's not worth it. If you disabled Trade Restrictions, then have at it. Build the most stunning powerhouse team your bench will allow.

Sign Free Agents: This is the first step in building on a team. By signing free agents you can add depth to a lackluster area of your team or replace weak links in your chain. Signing and releasing players is done on a one-to-one basis. No salary concerns, no caps; the only restriction on your moves is the room on your team.

Edit Player: What other game lets you personalize its pro players? This is the NBA, and as stated earlier, it is all about personality. That's why you can edit a player's appearance, dunk style, and so on. There are limitations, of course—you can't run the court with a team full of Kobes.

Freestyle Superstar Type: Stop in on the "Freestyle Superstar Types" table in the introduction for a refresher course on what all the Freestyle Superstar icons mean.

TIP

Though this is not a conventional tip by any means, try building teams with themes in mind to test your skill. How well can you handle a big-man team with Shaq, Yao Ming, Ben Wallace, Tim Duncan, Dirk Nowitzky, and Amare Stoudemire? Or how about a mini-man team consisting of Steve Nash, Mike Bibby, AI, Tony Parker, and so on?

GM's Desk





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All GMs need to be up to date on what the haps are with their team, their players, and upcoming opponents.

Players of the Month: Check this option to see which player is performing this month. This is a useful tool for maintaining momentum on your team. If you know whose hands are hot, you know who to run your offense through.

Matchup Review: This feature can be used in the same fashion as the Player of the Month feature, but on a slightly larger scale. Check in on other teams' performance and win/loss records. Is an upcoming team on fire? Is it in a slump? What is your record this season against an upcoming team? It's all here. Search by the entire NBA or team by team.

ESPN Stats Central





ESPN Stats Central is like having ESPN.com's wealth of information at your controller. The information is almost overwhelming in nature, but it is organized perfectly so it is always as easy to handle as a clipboard. Everything from season standings to injury reports is found at ESPN Stats Central. Make good use of these features to improve your game.

Season Standings: Keep an eye on other divisions, or the entire NBA, to see who is hot and who is not. Win/loss records, win streaks, and division standings are just a few of the tidbits of info you can sink your teeth into.

Player Stats: Stats for every player on every team are listed here. Information is listed by games played, games started, points per game, total points, and so on.

Team Stats: From the micro to the macro, this details stats for every team. Points, rebounds, assists—everything is here in one neat little package for you to dissect.

Playoff Matchups: If the season were to jump into the playoffs suddenly, this section tells you which teams would fill the 16 slots. Closer inspection of each individual matchup reveals the teams' performances for the truncated season and how they have performed against each other until now.

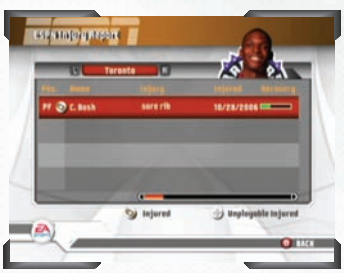
Around the League: This is your one-stop connection to everything else going on outside your locker room:

- League Leaders: Pick a stat and find out who is the league leader in it.
- MVP Candidates: Like last year's MVP Candidates in the GM's Desk section, this tells you which player is in the running for NBA MVP, along with all his numbers.
- Players of the Month: Pick a month and division, then see who is the NBA player of the month.
- ESPN News: This news bulletin updates you with a month-by-month list of which team signed which players.

It may be easy to dismiss this information as superfluous, but don't be too hasty. All of this keeps you updated on how the rest of the NBA is shaping up. If you don't know which direction the league and its players are headed, then you won't know where you fit in the grand scheme of things. Use as much of this info as possible to formulate a proper season strategy.

ESPN Injury Report





No one likes to have a valuable part of the team riding the pine, but unfortunately, it is part of the game. The ESPN Injury Report lists all injured players, their injuries, the date on which the injury occurred, and how near they are to full recovery.

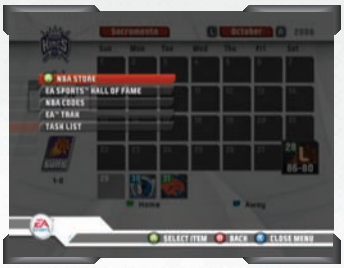
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TIP

If the player has a bandage icon next to his name, he is capable of playing, though his performance will suffer for it. Furthermore, you run the risk of aggravating the injury.

A cross icon indicates that a player cannot play until he is fully recovered from his ailment.

My NBA *LIVE*





In keeping with the NBA's nature, you can take your *NBA LIVE 07* experience to a whole new, personal level. Customization is key. Listen to the songs you want, wear the shoes you dig, revel in your accolades; do it all in My NBA LIVE.

NBA Store: If you have skills on the court, why not have style, too? Pop into the NBA Store to spend your hard-earned points on new kicks, Main menu skins, new music tracks, and even ink for your created players.

EA SPORTS Hall of Fame: It's your career, so surely you need a trophy case, right? This is it, kid. This is where you show off your team awards, player awards, personal records, and retired jerseys. You got game, who said you can't show it off?

NOTE

Items bought from My NBA *LIVE* affect nearly all other modes, except Dynasty mode.

TIP

For complete lists of what tasks yield points, reference the tables under "Task Lists."

NBA Codes





This feature is for players who can't be bothered with conventional games. Enter secret codes here to unlock different features.

NBA CODES

UNLOCKABLE	CODE
Adidas Garnett Bounce (Vegas edition)	KDZ2MQL17W
Adidas T-Mac 6 (All-Star edition)	MCJK843NNC
Adidas Crazy 8 (St. Patty's edition)	CC98KKL814
Adidas Campus LT (St. Patty's edition)	CLT2983NC8
Adidas Equipment Bball (St. Patty's edition)	220IUJKMDR
Adidas Stealth (All-Star edition)	FE454DFJCC
Adidas Garnett Bounce (All-Star edition)	HYIOUHCAAN
Adidas Gil-Zero (All-Star edition)	23DN1PPOG4
Adidas C-Billups (All-Star edition)	BV6877HB9N
Charlotte Bobcats Secondary Road Jersey	WEDX671H7S
New Jersey Nets Secondary Road Jersey	D4SAA98U5H
Utah Jazz Secondary Road Jersey	VCBI89FK83
Washington Wizards Secondary Road Jersey	QV93NLKXQC
Eastern All-Stars Home Jersey	5654ND43N6
Eastern All-Stars Away Jersey	WOCNW4KL7L
Western All-Stars Home Jersey	993NSKL199
Western All-Stars Away Jersey	XX93BVL20U
Adidas C-Billups (Vegas edition)	85NVLDMWS5
Adidas Artillery II (Black)	99B6356HAN
Adidas BTB Low (St. Patty's edition)	7FB3KS9JQ0
Adidas Artillery II (White)	NTGNFUE87H
Adidas T-Mac 6 (Vegas edition)	84GF7EJG8V
Adidas Gil-Zero Mid (Away)	369V6RVU3G
Adidas Gil-Zero Mid (Home)	1GSJC8JWRL
Adidas Gil-Zero (Vegas edition)	QQQ3JCUYQ7

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EA Trax





Customize the tracks listing to suit your style. Are you a fast-break type of baller? Pick some songs with a quick beat. Like to take your time and set up your plays? Pick songs with slower tempos.

Task Lists





This is your personal checklist for player and team tasks. Each task yields a certain number of points that can then be used at the NBA Store.

Keep these lists handy as the season progresses; you should shoot for these goals as you play your games. The more you accomplish, the more you can customize your game.

PLAYER TASKS

TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
Record 2 steals in a quarter	5
Record 4 steals in a half	10
Record 7 steals in a game	25
Score 3 three pointers in a quarter	5
Score 4 three pointers in a half	10
Score 6 three pointers in a game	25
Achieve a Double Double	20
Achieve a Triple Double	75
Achieve a Quadruple Double	250
Every player scores in the game	250

TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
Grab 8 def. rebounds in a half	10
Grab 15 rebounds in a game	25
Grab 8 off. rebounds in a game	25
Grab 12 def. rebounds in a game	25
Record 4 assists in a quarter	5
Record 7 assists in a half	10
Record 10 assists in a game	25
Record 3 blocks in a quarter	5
Record 5 blocks in a half	10
Record 7 blocks in a game	25

PLAYER TASKS continued

TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
Score 10 pts in a quarter	5
Score 25 pts in a half	10
Score 20 points	5
Score 30 points	15
Score 40 points	30
Score 50 points	40

TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
Grab 6 rebounds in a quarter	5
Grab 2 off. rebounds in a quarter	5
Grab 4 def. rebounds in a quarter	5
Grab 8 rebounds in a half	10
Grab 4 off. rebounds in a half	10

TEAM TASKS

TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
Score 40 points in a quarter	5
Score 70 points in a half	10
Score 100 points in a game	30
Grab 15 rebounds in a quarter	5
Grab 5 off. rebounds in a quarter	5
Grab 9 def. rebounds in a quarter	5
Grab 30 rebounds in a half	10
Grab 10 off. rebounds in a half	10
Grab 15 def. rebounds in a half	10
Grab 50 rebounds in a game	25
Grab 17 off. rebounds in a game	25
Grab 25 def. rebounds in a game	25
Record 10 assists in a quarter	5
Record 15 assists in a half	10
Record 25 assists in a game	25
Record 5 blocks in a quarter	5
Record 8 blocks in a half	10
Record 13 blocks in a game	25
Record 6 steals in a quarter	5
Record 10 steals in a half	10
Record 15 steals in a game	25

TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
Score 5 three pointers in a quarter	5
Score 8 three pointers in a half	10
Score 12 three pointers in a game	25
Win by 10 points	10
Win by 20 points	30
Win by 30 points	40
Win by 40 points	75
Win by 50 points	100
Shoot 100% in a quarter (minimum 5 shots)	50
Win by 40 points	75
Win by 50 points	100
Shoot 100% in a quarter (minimum 5 shots)	50
Shoot above 50% in a game	5
Shoot above 60% in a game	10
Shoot above 70% in a game	15
Shoot above 80% in a game	20
Shoot above 90% in a game	25
Shoot 100% in a game (minimum 20 shots)	2,500
Shoot 100% from free throw line	15

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SEASON TASKS

TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
Player scores 1,700 points in a season	200
Player has 820 rebounds in a season	200
Player has 650 assists in a season	200
Player has 150 blocks in a season	200
Player has 100 steals in a season	200
Player averages a Double Double in a season	100
Player leads the league in scoring	300
Player leads the league in assists	300
Player leads the league in rebounding	300
Player leads the league in blocks	300
Player leads the league in steals	300
Player wins Player of the Month	200
Player wins Rookie of the Year	300
Player wins Most Improved Player	300
Player wins Sixth Man of the Year	300
Player wins Defensive Player of the Year	300
Player makes the All-Defensive Team	100
Player makes the All-NBA First Team	100
Player makes the All-NBA Second Team	100
Player makes the All-Star Team	100
Player wins the season MVP	300

TASK DESCRIPTION	POINTS
Player wins the finals MVP	300
Player finishes season with 30 PPG avg	500
Player finishes season with 40 PPG avg	750
Team makes the playoffs	250
Finish first in your Division	100
Finish first in your Conference	300
Finish first in the League	750
Advance past first round of playoffs	500
Advance past second round of playoffs	500
Advance past third round of playoffs	500
Win NBA championship	500
Team scores 8,200 points in a season	200
Team gets 3,100 rebounds in a season	200
Team gets 1,800 assists in a season	200
Team gets 400 blocks in a season	200
Team gets 650 steals in a season	200
Win Coach of the Year	1,000
Player wins Rookie Challenge MVP	250
Player wins All-Star game MVP	250
Player wins Slam Dunk Contest	500
Player wins 3 Point Shootout	500

TIP

Some tasks require you to complete them with a single player, while others are team endeavors; remember which is which so you don't shoot for the wrong tasks needlessly.

TIP

Because most tasks must be completed within a single quarter, ensure you have enough minutes in the quarter to get it done. Grabbing 6 rebounds in a quarter will be substantially more difficult during a 2-minute quarter than during a 12-minute quarter.

Begin Playoffs





If you maintained a top spot throughout your season and the chips fell in your favor, you finish the season with a playoff berth. Choose Begin Playoffs to see who won the NBA MVP trophy, Coach of the Year honors, and so on, and begin your post-season journey to NBA Championship greatness.

As before, you can simulate these games or choose to play. No matter what you choose, good luck, because this is the final stop on the road to the NBA Finals.

NOTE

Though the in-game menu lists Dynasty mode after Season mode, we are listing Dynasty mode as the final mode in this chapter. That way, we can give the deep mode its proper attention.

Playoffs





If you're the type of baller who requires instant heat, dip into Playoffs mode. Here you can forgo all the responsibility that comes with running an entire season and jump right into the playoffs.

After choosing Playoffs mode, pick one (or more) of the predetermined teams. If the list doesn't please you, choose a custom playoff series and insert a team that didn't make it. Just as before, you can adjust everything from quarter length to participating in a fantasy draft.

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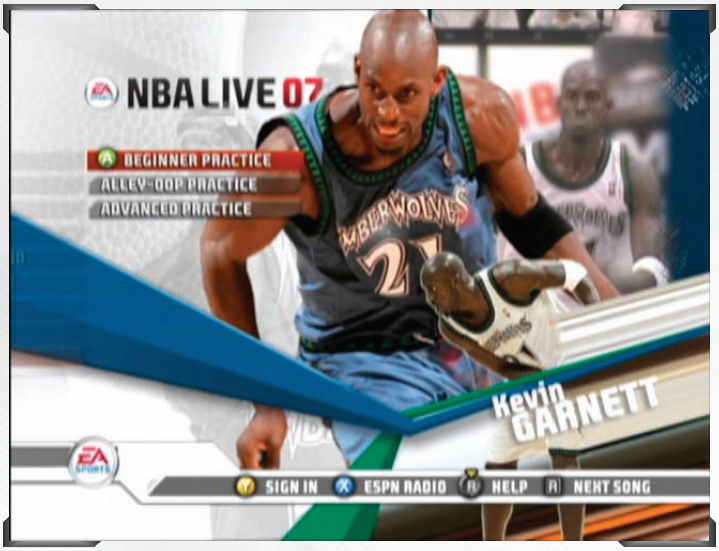
TIP

If you happen to choose two teams to face each other, be sure to have a companion to lead the second team.



Keep in mind that this mode is very similar to Season mode. The only difference is that there are no regular season games to play. By accessing the menu options before playing a game, you have the same valuable resources available to you as in Season mode; manage your rosters and check ESPN Stats Central to ensure you have an edge on the competition. It *is* the NBA Playoffs after all!

Slam Dunk School





There is no shame in going back to school to learn a few new tricks. You may be able to posterize the competition in a regular game, but in a slam dunk competition, things are a bit more complicated.

Slam Dunk School breaks down the art of dunking into three easy sessions. Beginner Practice shows you the basics of dunking. Everything from how and when to gather to the timing on the final slam of your dunk—it's all covered. Luckily, it leaves room for the player's touch and also introduces how to modify your dunks to add flare.

NOTE

Though the Slam Dunk School is listed as the final mode in Game Modes, we have listed it here because it is most useful when visited *before* entering slam dunk competitions.





Alley-Oop Practice introduces the art of the "self-dunk." Because alley-oops require extremely precise timing and positioning, this practice mode is extremely useful. Initially, don't spend too much time on modifiers; instead, perfect your timing. Once you have that down, move on to modifiers.

Finally, Advanced Practice is for players who don't want to be bothered by the hints and tips in the other modes. Here, it is simply you and the court. This is the best mode to practice in because it is most similar to the actual competitions. When you're throwing down in the Slam Dunk Showdown, there will not be floor cues and text advice on how to dunk best. To keep the hints and tips in other practice modes from becoming a crutch, spend some time in Advanced Practice mode.

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NBA All-Star Weekend





Coming to you live from Las Vegas, Nevada, the NBA All-Star Weekend is jam-packed with highflyers, sharpshooters, and rookie sensations.

The NBA All-Star Weekend consists of the Rookie Challenge, a 3-Point Shootout, the Slam Dunk Contest, and the star-studded NBA All-Star Game.

Rookie Challenge





This exhibition game pits this year's rookie class against last year's rookies (now sophomores). Because the sophomores have two seasons under their belt, they have a slight advantage over the rookies; that's why it is called "Rookie Challenge."

Luckily, you can choose between handling either team. Should you choose to handle the sophomore team, put their skills to use; run tight offensive plays, keep the defense tempered, stay level-headed, and basically play like the pros that you have become over the last two years. If you take the rookies as your team, use their bravado to your advantage. The rookie team is young and capable of taking more risks. A flashy fast-break offense should suit them well.

3-Point Shootout





The 3-Point Shootout showcases the NBA's best shooters' talents. These long-range threats compete against each other in a round-robin style competition from the 3-point line.

Before starting, choose the players you wish to compete. The entire NBA is at your disposal, so make it interesting. Furthermore, NBA legends are also available to compete, putting to rest age-old debates as to which generation's all-star player is the best perimeter shooter.





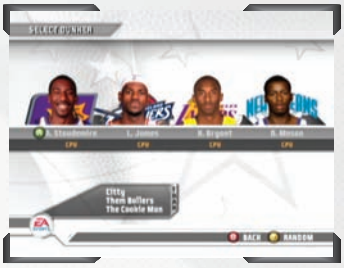
Once the shootout begins, you have 5 rounds to sink as many threes as you can. Each round lasts 60 seconds. In those 60 seconds you have 5 racks to shoot from, each with 5 balls; 4 1-point balls and 1 "money ball" worth 2 points. The maximum number of points possible per round for a single player is 30 points.

As the rounds progress, shooters are eliminated until the final round is a one-on-one shootout. To make it to the final round, keep your shots consistent and smooth. Your button presses should be rhythmic and keep a consistent pattern. If you lose your rhythm, pick it up again on the following rack.

TIP

For tips on shooting precision threes, read the "Game Basics and Technique" chapter.

Slam Dunk Contest





Got hops? Think your vertical is all that and a bag of chips? Put it to the test in the Slam Dunk Contest. Before embarking on some sky-high antics, select your dunkers from the NBA's pool of players with bounce in their step.

After selecting players (a minimum of two) to take part in the contest, pick the player you will be controlling. Much like the 3-Point Shootout, this contest takes place over the course of multiple rounds. Five judges score on a scale of 1 to 10—score a 10 from each judge and you'll get a perfect score of 50 for a single dunk. Earn top honors by being the baller with the sickest slams.

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TIP

Unless you are a seasoned rim-rockin' veteran, we *highly* suggest you attend Slam Dunk School (covered earlier in this chapter) before attempting to dominate in the Slam Dunk Contest.

There you can practice your dunks and even perfect a repertoire of varied dunks. Play with the modifier controls and create your own specialized slams worthy of a perfect 50 from the judges.



Use the options to modify the parameters of your Slam Dunk Contest, such as the number of attempts, second attempts, and rounds.

NBA All-Star Game





The highlight for many NBA fanatics, the NBA All-Star Game is an amazing display of shooting, dunking, playmaking, and defensive skill. Western Conference all-stars test their mettle against Eastern Conference all-stars in this exhibition game.

Because it is an exhibition game, there are no lasting repercussions from the outcome, so play it as often as you'd like.

NOTE

This is an NBA All-Star Game; however, your options are not limited to North American teams. Choose between Western Conference all-stars, Eastern Conference all-stars, European all-stars, and International all-stars.

Freestyle Challenge





The Freestyle Challenge is a one-on-one showdown between two NBA ballers. Choose to play versus the computer or a friend in the Freestyle Challenge's competitions.

The 3-Point Showdown and Slam Dunk Showdown are similar to their NBA All-Star Challenge counterparts. The defining difference here is that you split the screen with a second competitor and all rounds are replaced by a "free-for-all" shootout.

3-Point Showdown





Let the threes fly in this shootout that puts most old-school western movies to shame. Both players shoot threes in a predetermined amount of time. Sink more threes than the other baller and win the showdown. Don't let missed shots bog you down. The sooner you pick up the ball, the sooner you can bounce back. Be fast and fluid with your shots. There are no penalties for missed shots, so let the threes rain down on the court. The more attempts you make, the better rhythm you get into, and the more threes you can sink.

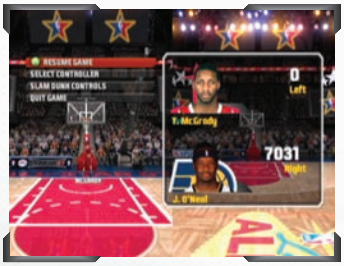
TIP

It is very easy to be distracted by missed shots, your competitor, and the points tally. Stay focused on your rhythm and you will come out on top.

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Slam Dunk Showdown





Much like the 3-Point Showdown, the Slam Dunk Showdown is a split-screen, one-on-one challenge. Here, two players face off in a free-for-all slam dunk contest. There are no rounds to worry about, only points.

Each dunk is worth a certain amount of points. The more successful dunks you pull off, the more points you rack up. Just don't bail on a dunk or you can lose points. The same goes for repeating a dunk, so vary your style.

TIP

Choose your dunker carefully; you don't want to be breathing in the competition's jet fumes as they take flight.

TIP

Visit Slam Dunk School before attempting the Freestyle Challenge. It is a surefire way to earn a fighting chance against your opponent.

One-on-One





Now this is playground b-ball! Pick a player and an opponent to set up a one-on-one match. Go mano-a-mano against your friend or the computer.

Curious as to which player would win in a straight up face-to-face challenge? Pit the computer against itself. Kobe vs. Shaq? Magic vs. Bird? Pick the men, set the rules, and let your questions be answered. Better still, take control of your favorite man and influence the course of history.

Individual Practice





This is where *NBA LIVE*'s best and brightest spend most of their time. Pick Individual Practice to hone your skills, perfect your timing, and work on your moves without the bother of another team to get in the way.

Often, you are your own worst opponent. Eliminate all threat of pressure and performance by spending some solo time on the half-court. Our very own Randy Mohammed has been known to spend hours on the practice court sharpening his skills.

Roster Management





This mode is almost exactly like the Roster Management option we covered in Season mode. The only notable difference is the option here to create a player.

Place yourself in the game and join your favorite team. Alter your stats, appearance, and even your gear.

CAUTION

Be sure to keep track of all other changes you make in Roster Management. Once you enter Dynasty mode, all roster changes revert to their default settings.

Dynasty Mode





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Take charge of a team's destiny over a 25-year period in Dynasty mode. Consider this an extended Season mode with more responsibilities, more features, and more simulation. Because this is the most complex mode in the game, you will have to work around several obstacles real coaches face: salary caps, team owners, and recruiting prospective players for subsequent years. It's all the thrills and frills of commanding an NBA team without the high blood pressure and sleepless nights.

New to this year's game is the assistant head coach position. Along with trainers, assistants, and scouts, you must hire an assistant head coach. Your staff's abilities will help shape your team throughout the years, almost as much as your direct decisions.

TIP

If your budget allows, try hiring multiple scouts and assistants. Because they can specialize in different fields, you can assign them to different areas and accomplish more in less time.

Hire Your Staff





The first step in building a dynasty is setting the foundation for your team. That foundation is your staff. A talented team will only go so far without leadership, training, and support.

Keep a careful eye on your budget and the amount of help you need to get your dynasty off the locker-room floor. Either go day by day and make contract offers to potential staff members, or simulate the entire process and leave the staff hiring to the team owner.

TIP

Consider every factor carefully before signing a staff member. Age, for example, can be easy to dismiss at first, but later on it may come back to haunt you. If you sign a 57-year-old assistant, 25 years down the line he may not be in the best possible shape.

You initially sign your staff for a period of one to three years; however, this *is* a dynasty you are trying to build. Long story short: Think long-term when signing your staff.

CAUTION

You have 13 days in which to hire your entire staff. Concentrate on hiring at least one assistant head coach, one assistant, one trainer, and one scout, minimum, in less than two weeks. If you don't pick up good staff, you risk displeasing the team owner. You don't want to make a habit of that, or your job will be the next one that needs filling.

TIP

Play with the money-to-year ratio to shave a few dollars off initial contract offers. If you have a trainer asking 807K for a three-year contract, save a few dollars by dropping that to a one-year contract for 400K. If the trainer accepts, the first year can be a trial period.

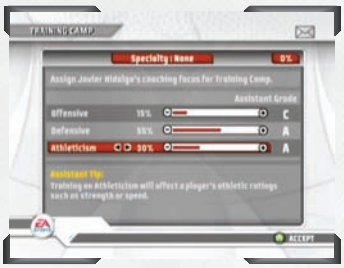
TIP

Assistant head coaches boost the effectiveness of the rest of the staff. Invest in a top-ranked assistant head coach to make up for average-ranked scouts, trainers, and assistants.

If your assistant head coach is high quality, you can try to sign multiple lower-ranked staff members at the other positions for less money.

Training Camp





Training Camp is a week of hard work. Begin by assigning your assistant coach areas on which to focus training. He can dedicate some percentage of time to offensive training, defensive training, and athleticism.

At the week's end, your assistant head coaches' will send you e-mail detailing the players' progress. Prior to assigning your assistant coaches training details, take a look at your team's strengths and deficits. If your team is great on the defensive end, focus training on offense. If it is a balanced team but stats are average at best, focus on athleticism.

TIP

Instead of simulating Training Camp and leaving the training focus up to the computer, take a moment to become involved in your team's progress. The decision doesn't have to be life-changing; this is only your first year as head coach.

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NOTE

After you select areas on which to improve, Training Camp is simulated, so the week unfolds in a matter of seconds. Unlike the staff-hiring process, progressing through Training Camp is a matter of making decisions for the first day only.

Dynasty Menu





Consider the Dynasty menu your team's control panel. Use it to manage your staff, keep tabs on your players, and even watch over the competition all over the league. The following are options available in the Dynasty menu.

GM's Desk





This is vastly different from Season mode's GM's Desk. This is where you will most likely spend your off time. Here you can assign your staff tasks and keep an eye on your team.

View Staff: This is a helpful reminder of what your staff is working for and for how long.

Assistant Head Coach: Schedule the team's off-time calendar and poke around the NBA using ESPN's Rumor Central. Your assistant head coach is great for keeping tabs on other teams' rumors.

Assistant: Assign your assistant coaches to work with specific players to improve deficits in offense, defense, and athleticism.

Trainers: Much like the injury report, this option updates you on injuries and how much progress your players on the list are making.

Scouting: Assign your scouts to keep an eye on opponents and talent from all over the globe for next year's rosters.

Player Development: All the training and practices have to have *some* effect on your players. Stop by Player Development to see how your players' skills deteriorate or progress.

CAUTION

If you simulate through a large chunk of the season without setting any assignments to your staff, you lose out on a lot of potential gain.

Team Chemistry





Team Chemistry is *NBA LIVE 07*'s most subtle addition to this year's Dynasty mode. As a GM and head coach, your actions off the court and decisions at the GM office impact your team's chemistry. If it's high, the players play better. If it is not, their on-the-court performance will suffer.

It is very important to keep this high because all the practices in the world won't change a thing if the team can't work together when it counts. Luckily, yours isn't the only team subject to the effects of this factor; every team, player- or CPU-controlled, will have to make it work. Read on for tips on how to keep Team Chemistry high and in your favor.

Schedule Smartly: Don't just let the CPU run the team's event schedule. Take control. Watch your Team Chemistry meter and intervene with some team-building events or days off when needed.

Win, Win, Win: Losses can be very hard on a team's collective ego. If you are simulating large chunks of your schedule, keep an eye on your games as they simulate. If you run into a streak of losses, break it up by intervening and taking control of your games.

Cater to Your Players: Individual players can mesh or clash with other players. Check each player's chemistry meter to see how he perceives other players on your team.

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Player Fatigue




Preserve your players! NBA athletes are like well-oiled machines; if they go too long without proper maintenance, they can break. The Player Fatigue option breaks down how much playing time players have had in previous games and lists their stamina in an easy-to-read stamina bar.

Check in on them frequently to ensure your star players are getting their due time and are not being overworked.

CAUTION



Neglecting this feature can be just as detrimental as not assigning your staff tasks. You need healthy, happy athletes to build a dynasty.

Matchup Review




Matchup Review is best used to keep you abreast of the rest of the NBA. See how teams have done against each other and how you have competed against other teams. Consider this league-wide scouting.

Off-Season Central




Off-Season Central prepares you for the off-season. After all, it is never too early to get a head start on the competition.

ESPN Mock Draft: See the results of the ESPN Mock Draft and evaluate them for yourself.

Upcoming Free Agents: Keep an eye on potential talent for your team by seeing which players will be up for free agency next year. One team's loss can be your gain.

Player Contracts: Stay up to date on your player contracts and plan ahead. If your star player is up for contract negotiations in a year, evaluate his performance this year.

GM History




It's easy to keep track of a win/loss record over a season or two, but to keep track over a dynasty is much more difficult. The GM History shows your win/loss record, accomplishments, and your GM rating. Don't let it slide too low; your job is riding on it.

Road Trip




This shows you where you have traveled thus far for your games. A nice addition to the bevy of information provided, the Road Trip map is a great way to project player fatigue over the course of a season.

Roster Management




Yet another tool to help keep your team fresh, Roster Management is the same as it was in Season mode.

Player Rotation: Rotate your starting lineup to keep players happy and fresh.

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Inactive List: Lists which players cannot play.

Trade Players: Recruit new blood while trading away weak links.

Sign Free Agents: Recruit fresh talent to fill gaps in your roster.

Release Players: Let go of players whose time has come and gone.

Edit Players: Just like editing players in Season mode. Same limitations apply.

ESPN Stats Central and My NBA LIVE

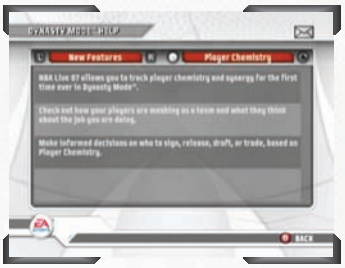


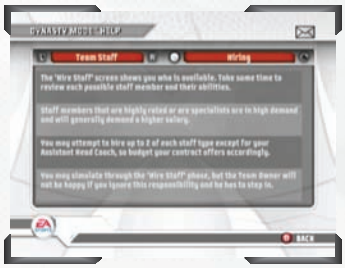


Both features here are the same as in Season mode. ESPN Stats Central plugs you into what is happening around you in the league. It is an infinitely valuable source of information; use it often.

My NBA LIVE lets you customize your Dynasty mode experience and keeps track of your Hall of Fame–caliber accomplishments.

Dynasty Mode Help

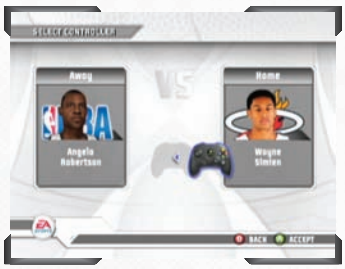




Dynasty Mode Help is a great refresher course on what is new, what is important, and what is what in Dynasty mode. Rife with tips on how to build your dynasty, it is a great option for those who are just starting out.

Post-Season Play





Once all the regular season games have been played, you can take your team into the post-season. If your team has a winning record worthy of playoffs contention, the option to Begin Playoffs becomes available in the Dynasty menu.

Once started, Dynasty mode playoffs play out just as they do in Season or Playoff mode. If you do not make it into the playoffs, you can start building your team up again with the draft, off-season acquisitions, and player re-signing.

Draft Lottery: Your new season begins with a Draft Lottery. This lasts only a day and determines your pick order.

TIP

We recommend taking control of both the rookie and your star player. That way you can feel the rookie out on both defense and offense.

Rookie Scouting: This lasts a week. Choose a rookie prospect to face off against one of your players to evaluate his skill level.

Re-Signing Period: Next is the Re-Signing Period. Choose to re-sign players for their adjusted contract terms. As you did with your staff at the beginning of the Dynasty mode, play with the terms of the contract to save money and not be locked into long-term deals with shaky players.

NBA Draft: This lasts one day, so make your draft picks wisely. Hopefully you've used all the available resources from last season's scouting reports and the post-season's Rookie Scouting period.

Free Agent Signing: If any holes in your roster remain, see which free agents are still on the open market. You might find a gem if you look hard enough.

TIP

Consider picking up high-value players that you can trade later.

Trading Period: Keep a close eye on your e-mail during this period; other teams may make tempting offers. Otherwise, wheel-and-deal your team into a high-powered offense or a stout defense. Just be mindful of salary cap limitations.

Continue Building Your Dynasty

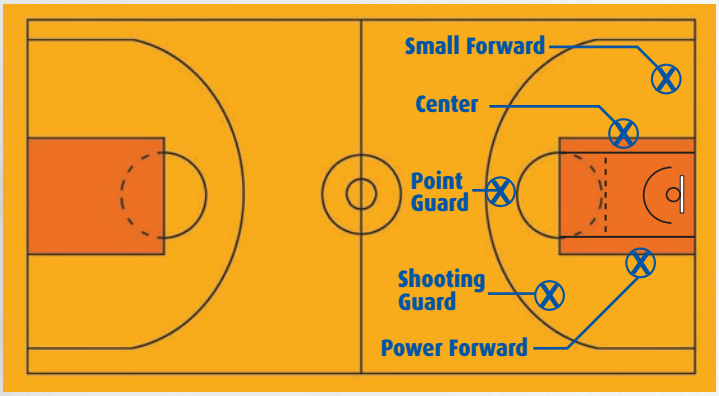
Once all the abovementioned actions have been settled, you are again thrown into the staff-hiring phase. Just as before, keep your team's future in mind when making all decisions.

When all the post-season madness has subsided, prepare to continue on your journey into the NBA Hall of Fame. Good luck!

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GAME BASICS AND TECHNIQUE

More Than Shooting Hoops



The game of basketball is much more than shooting hoops. Before setting foot on the court, you need to know who is who and what each position does. Not everyone is aware of a point guard's general position on the floor. Without that knowledge, a description of the Triple Threat play might be difficult to understand.

Before we advance to play descriptions in the next chapter, we are going back to basics. Learn the ins and outs of basketball all over again. This is your refresher course!

There are five positions in basketball, each with its own responsibilities. Plays depend on each player handling a particular responsibility on the court. However, certain positions can be interchangeable if need be.

Center: The center is a role best suited for a big man. His height helps when in scoring position, usually near the basket, and when rebounding while on defense. Unfortunately, most centers' shooting is focused on short jumpers or layups, and therefore their three-point shooting tends be sub-par.

Point Guard: This player tends to have exceptional ball-handling skills. However, the point guard's main responsibility is to run the plays. He controls the flow of the offense.

Power Forward: The power forward tends to be in motion more often than not. His position is usually near the basket, often with his back to it, in hopes of being in scoring position.

Shooting Guard: This player's usual position is just outside or near the three-point line. Therefore, these players tend to be great outside shooters. The shooting guard is usually paired with the point guard and shifts about the court, creating many shot opportunities.

Small Forward: Like the power forward, this player is constantly in motion. The majority of the small forward's points come from penetrating the paint and making swift moves toward the basket.

For any plays to be successful, each player's cuts must be precise and on time. If a single player fails to get in position, the play may be broken and ineffective. Get to know each play and watch your players' movements carefully.

Run practice plays to see how certain players will adjust in different situations. Hit the court!

Offensive Maneuvers

Whether a point guard or a small forward, all players handle the ball the same. On the court, they are all after the same goal; putting points on the board. Read on to learn proper ball-handling techniques.

NOTE

The following is a comprehensive explanation of techniques to employ on the basketball court. Because this book covers multiple consoles, refer to the controls diagrams at the end of this book for control schemes.

Footwork





Your movement is just as important as ball movement. While handling the ball, keep in mind all NBA regulations: don't set your foot and resume dribbling, don't backtrack over the half-court line once you have passed it, and don't take longer than eight seconds to cross the half-court line.

Use your footwork to set your player in position in accordance with your selected plays. Furthermore, practice your movement while handling the ball to see how your players handle. Use stutter steps to shake off opposition and turbo to leave them in the dust.

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Ball Handles




It may seem automatic, but there is a great benefit to learning the art of the dribble. For example, by learning how to properly execute crossovers, you can head-fake opposition on your way to the court.

The trick to successful fakes is to use your momentum. As you charge the lane, the defender will most likely stick to you like white on rice. As he does, execute a crossover to shift the defender's focus (and oftentimes, his weight) to a particular direction. The crossover ends with you shifting your weight to the opposite foot and, thus, momentum driving you away from the defender. Follow through and shake him off.

Ball Movement




Effective ball movement is much more than just passing the rock around the court. Efficient passing has purpose; know your purpose before passing. In most cases, players change position once they have passed the ball in order to accomplish a particular play. If that is the case, excessive ball movement just scrambles *your* offense and confuses your players.

When ball movement is the only thing you have to go by, use short passes (also known as dish passes) to the open man or create shooting opportunities by using give-and-go passes, where you get the ball right back after passing to another player.

Make Your Presence Felt




Whether you want to keep things fresh, get into scoring position, or create a screen, sometimes you need to take control of a player who is *not* handling the ball.

The main advantage is being able to create the play or recover from a broken play. Often, you must do this to keep from stagnating on the offense. Remember: you don't need to have the ball to make things happen.

Throw Your Weight Around




A game cannot be won on threes alone. To vary your offense, you must involve players in the paint. Flow your offense through strong shooters and effective post players. To do so, you will need to back up defenders to increase your chances of scoring in the post.

Use the back-down maneuver carefully. Matching up strong post players with less-effective defenders allows you to throw your weight around and get nearly uncontested shots in the paint. However, if you're careless while backing down defenders, you run the risk of drawing a charge.

Shooting Hoops

Of course, you could move about the court and pass the ball around until you're blue in the face, but you aren't going to win any championships unless you can put the ball through the hoop.

Taking Shots




Never, ever lob it up and hope for the best. Shooting is, by far, the most important part of your game. If you can't shoot, you can't win. Before taking any of the following into consideration, practice your shots at the gym first. Technique is most important when shooting; releasing the ball at the peak of your jump offers the best results, but that is a matter of timing that requires you to "feel" the shot. So practice.

Once you have your timing down, consider other factors like distance to the hoop, defenders, and your positioning.

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Distance: Obviously, the farther you are from the hoop, the harder the shot will be. This, however, is tempered by your skill level. Some shooters are better from a distance than up close.

Defenders: If you are covered well, don't bother shooting. Instead of wasting a shot trying to force the ball and possibly turning over the ball with a botched rebound, take a moment to create some room between you and the defender. Move the ball around to create a shooting opportunity instead.

Position: Just like in real life, shooting is more effective if you set yourself up first. Shooting on the run may be good for a layup when you're driving at the hole, but outside shooting requires balance and patience. Set your feet, square up, then take a shot.

TIP

The advice above also applies to making three-point shots. Threes, however, are their own beast. Don't worry; we cover those too.

Alley-Oops




Nothing makes an impact on a game quite like an alley-oop. It is the ultimate statement of flash and teamwork. Only a flashy slam dunk resulting from a no-look pass on a fast break can top a well-executed alley-oop.

But just because alley-oops are an amazing sight to behold doesn't mean you should use these too often. Their impact is powerful *because* they are rare. If you rely too heavily on alley-oop scoring, you allow the defense to key onto strong post players and diminish your chances of continuously scoring. Furthermore, timing is just as important as positioning, so be careful.

CAUTION

When going for the alley-oop, be sure that the defender is not clogging the lane. If he is, you're sure to draw a charge on your way up for the ball.

Sinking the Three




Aside from using the same technique for normal shooting, you *must* factor in your player's three-point stats. You won't be sinking as many threes with your center as you would with your point guard.

Positioning is nearly as important as three-point ability. Because the three is a high-risk shot, do everything you can to ensure that your player is ready to shoot before attempting the shot. Set your feet, square up, and release, right? Right.

Fadeaways




Sometimes it is nearly impossible to get a completely clean shot. Defenders can Double-Team you, more often than not when you need to score quickly, and contest your shots. When all else fails, execute the fadeaway. As you shoot, lean back and create a little distance between you and the defender.

By doing so, you allow the ball more room to travel and lessen the chances of a blocked shot. More important, however, is the need to adjust your timing in a fadeaway. Because you are moving backward in midair, timing is critical.

Shooting from the Line




Being able to consistently sink free throws is important. You might find yourself there during the final minute of a game and need to maintain a lead. The difference between scores in most heated

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games usually comes down to a few points. Those points tend to be missed free throws.

The key to making free throws is maintaining a smooth, fluid motion on the stick while shooting. Just like holding the shoot button too long, pulling back on the stick too long is sure to lessen your chances of sinking the free throw. Of course, free-throw ability factors in. The difference is that there are times when you have no choice but to shoot free throws with a less-skilled player, so practice your technique!

TIP

If you know a particular player is not good at the line, be ready to fight for the rebound.

Scoring Staples





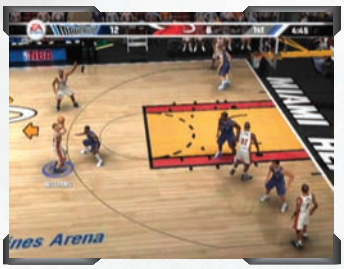
By far, the easiest way to score is by layup. A prominent staple in an offensive scheme, the layup is a great way to rack up points with the least amount of risk. Because you typically can't perform a layup unless you are close enough to the basket, you ensure you are in proper scoring position before ever going up.

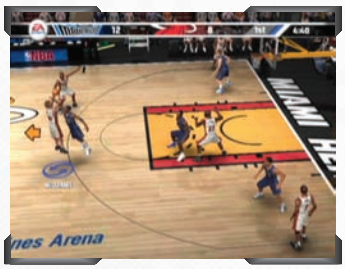
Should your player be more athletic, however, you will most likely dunk the ball. Because there are more factors (such as movement and open lanes) taken into consideration while dunking, layups are still the best and most secure way to rack up points. It is possible to change from layup to dunk, and vice versa, in midair, but only do so if you are sure you won't be successful with your first plan.

TIP

Practice tipping in missed dunks and layups. These are the best rebound scoring opportunities in a botched shot. Much like free throws, these opportunities can be the difference between a two-point win and a one-point loss.

Pump Fake





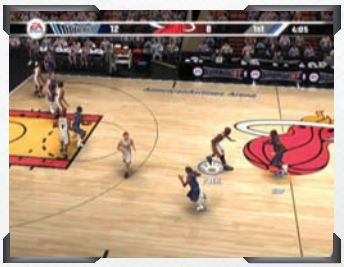
Though not an actual "shot," the pump fake is a great weapon to keep in your offensive maneuver repertoire. When trying to create an open shot opportunity for yourself doesn't pan out, the pump fake is a good way to shake a defender momentarily.

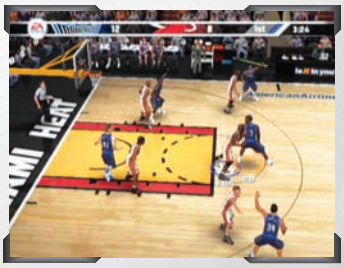
If you can sell the pump fake, a defender will leave his feet and prime defensive position. When he does, take a shot. If he doesn't fall for the move, pass the ball. There is no point in trying to sell a pump fake to a defender who knows better.

Defense That Wins Championships

It has long been said that offense wins games, but defense wins championships. The following section provides tips and techniques on how to turn your player into an agile defensive stopper.

Footwork





While on defense, your player automatically gets into a defensive posture when he is close to the opposition: knees bent, arms out, and chest squared directly at the opposing player. The trick to properly defending is to be patient.

If the other player tries to back you up, try to plant your feet to create an offensive charge. If he is trying to dribble his way free, don't bite on his moves; if you lose your footing you might as well stand aside and wave him toward the basket. The best method to defending is using your hands. Swat at the ball when he dribbles waist-high, and block his passing or shooting opportunities with your hands in the air.

CAUTION

The biggest mistake you can make while defending is to be too anxious and aggressive. The second you lose position, the other player can jet past you.

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Sticky Hands




Steals are a potent, but small, part of the defense. If you spend too much time trying to steal the ball away from your opponents, you will miss out on plenty of opportunities to shut down their offense in more natural ways (like clogging a lane or running effective defensive schemes).

However, if you have a player with a high steal rating, put him to use. Position your defender close enough to reach the ball while the other player dribbles, but not too close to draw a foul. When the ball is waist high, swipe at it. If you knock it out of his hands, you create a chance for a turnover.

TIP

Stealing is not limited to taking the ball away from an opponent's hands. Watch the other team as they pass the rock and anticipate where it might go next. Once you do, get in position and steal the next pass.

Rebounding




A successful defensive rebound depends on a few things. First and foremost is anticipation. If you don't anticipate the shot, you can't get into position to rebound should the shooter miss. Learn your opponents' habits. If they tend to have a high-octane offense that relies on outside shooting, you will know which players on their team are more likely to take a shot. When they have the ball, position yourself near the basket to rebound the ball.

Another important thing to notice is your player's height. Fighting for a rebound with a player who is 5'6" isn't going to be much help when their center is a 7-footer. Finally, pay attention to your preparation. As the shot is in the air, assume it will miss, but don't be too hasty. If you leap just as the ball hits the rim or backboard, you risk being on the way down when the ball bounces. Instead, clear some room under the basket as it hits the basket, and wait until the ball bounces before you leap for the rebound.

Take a Charge




Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty. This is grownup basketball, not the stuff you played in elementary school. However, remember, this *is* the NBA, not some blacktop streetball match where there are no refs. At times you must take a charge.

In those cases plant your feet squarely before your opponent moves toward the net. If you take too long to set your feet and are still moving when he initiates contact, *you'll* be called for the defensive foul.

TIP

When setting your feet, be sure you're not in the half circle under the basket. Don't be too close to the basket or you will be called for the foul.

Intentional Fouls




Aside from the final seconds of a close game, there are not many times when you need to intentionally foul your opponent. Call for the intentional to stop time and force a (hopefully less skilled) free-throw shooter to the line. Pray that he misses and make the best of your opportunity when you get the ball back.

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THE CLIPBOARD

You've got the terminology down and hopefully you've been practicing your technique. Just don't think you can win games on that alone. To formulate a championship-caliber team, you need to know how to run your plays. Read on to find out how.

Offensive Plays

Fancy names with odd number schemes can get rather confusing at times, so we are here to make sense of it all for you. Need to know the difference between the Pick-and-Roll and the Pick-and-Pop? We got you covered. Read on and formulate strong offensive showings on the court with all offensive plays explained.

NOTE

Nearly every play calls out for specific positions to carry out specific tasks. However, lots can happen on the court, so expect in-game variances as to which players carry out the tasks.

Isolation





Isolation is the best play to call when you have great ball-handling abilities. Isolation is just as it sounds; every player isolates his defender, leaving the court open for you to do what you do.

While Isolation is not a set of moves, it does clear the area for a player to do whatever he wants.

Pros: Great for ballers with exceptional skills.

Cons: Lack of designated game plan leaves lots of room for error.

Post Up





Post Up is another play that is just as it sounds. When you call this play, a large player (typically the center) takes position in the paint with his back to the basket. Watch for his hand signal and pass him the rock.

If he is in good position to shoot, all he needs to do is take a step or two back or turn around for an easy jumper.

Pros: Big men like Shaq and Yao Ming make this play extremely effective.

Cons: If you don't get a clear shot, you will have to reset by shoveling the ball back out to the perimeter.

Pick-and-Roll





Perhaps one of the most effective plays in the game, the Pick-and-Roll is a two-man effort. After you call for the Pick-and-Roll, a teammate runs up to your defender and sets himself up as a barrier.

Once he is set, roll around your teammate and lead your defender into your teammate (the pick). After shaking your defender, with your teammate's help, take the shot.

TIP

The teammate who sets the pick will also roll toward the basket with you in case your lane is obstructed. Watch for him in case you can't take a clean shot.

Pros: It is a very effective play to run and requires only two men to execute.

Cons: If an opponent recognizes the pick, he may clog your lane and contest the shot.

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Pick-and-Pop





Much like the Pick-and-Roll, this play is mainly a two-man effort. However, instead of rolling toward the basket with you after the pick, your teammate shakes loose while the defender keys into you.

As he shakes loose, pass him the ball for a clean shot.

Pros: Easy to pull off and often very effective.

Cons: There is no guarantee that the player providing the pick will get loose for an uncontested shot.

Triple Threat





This play begins in a spread formation in hopes of thinning out the defense. After initiating the play, shove the rock to your teammate on the hoop's left, usually a small forward; if he is clear, he can take a shot.

If he is well-covered, he can pass the ball off to a player on the basket's right. Cut toward the basket and tally up the points.

Pros: Relatively simple and clear. You have multiple scoring options.

Cons: Most defenses won't spread out so easily.

Options





Three players spread across the baseline while your shooting guard waits to the right. After the play is called, the shooting guard cuts left, toward the basket.

Dish him the ball and hope he can cap it off with an easy two.

Pros: If the shooting guard gets a clean look, he can dunk or lay it up with ease.

Cons: A talented defender can impede your shooting guard's cut and break up the play.

Cavalier





Begin the play by moving your point guard right, toward your shooting guard. Shovel the ball to any of your other three teammates on the left of the court or let the shooting guard cut left and pass *him* the ball.

If any of the three players can get a clean shot, let that player take it to the hole. If not, hope your shooting guard can finish it off with two points on the board.

Pros: Because the play begins in a spread formation, the defense is spread out.

Cons: If you're not careful in timing your pass, the chances of your shooting guard scoring decrease.

Zipper





Another play that begins with your players spread out, Zipper puts your small forward in great three-point shooting position. Move your point guard right to begin the play.

As your small forward moves left past picked-off defenders, he moves to the top of the key. Pass him the ball and go for a soft three.

Pros: Great three-point play.

Cons: Ineffective if your small forward has a low three-point rating.

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Sonic





Sonic begins with most players positioned to the basket's left. Run the point guard right to begin the play. Your shooting guard moves toward the basket, then cuts left, creating some distance between him and his defender.

Later, the small forward sprints to the right of the basket to position for a three.

Pros: Two options for a scoring opportunity.

Cons: If all players begin too close together, it can be difficult to shake free from opposing defenders.

Philly





Let your players get in position near the baseline, while your point guard and shooting guard key up on the right.

Move left and pass the ball to your small forward. Afterward, the point guard cuts to the basket. The small forward dishes the ball back to the point guard for an easy layup.

Pros: If the point guard can shake his man, he has an open lane.

Cons: This play is essentially a give-and-go pass play. If your point guard can't get open to get the ball back, the play is broken.

Rising Sun





Rising Sun is a modified Pick-and-Roll play that spreads the defense along the baseline. Call the play and wait for your center to set the pick. Once he is in place, take the open lane and drive it to the hole.

If you can't get in the paint without opposition, dish the ball back to the center for a short, midrange jumper.

Pros: Spread defense almost always ensures the open lane.

Cons: If you need to dish it out to the center for the open shot, the range might decrease his chances of making it.

Rip Iso





Your point guard begins on the left, while the small forward posts up high. Shift the point guard to the baseline while the shooting guard moves to the top of the key. If he gets a good look, pass him the ball and take a shot.

TIP

Watch the center along the baseline for another scoring opportunity.

Pros: Multiple scoring options.

Cons: The shooting guard's movements can be easily impeded, breaking up the play.

Bull's-Eye





Begin with the point guard on the left while the other players man up on the court's right. Call for the play and a teammate sets a screen at the top of the key. Move right and pass the ball to a player, possibly the center, under the basket.

If the center is not open under the net, drive the lane and attempt a layup.

Pros: An easy play to pull off for a quick two.

Cons: This play depends on the power forward or center being able to get clear under the basket—not the easiest of places to get open.

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Boston





Another one of many plays to begin in a spread formation, Boston requires the point guard to be high above the key.

Pass the rock to the small forward on the left and wait for the point guard to cut toward the basket. Give him the ball back for an easy two.

Pros: It's an easy play to pull off for a quick two.

Cons: This play, like Philly, is essentially a give-and-go play. If your point guard can't get open to get the ball back, the play is broken.

Single Double





Players begin in a grouped position around the paint. Watch for the small forward to cut right for a three or the shooting guard to cut left, inside the arch.

The players' movement temporarily splits the defense and grants one, or both, an open, long-range bomb.

Pros: Good three-point opportunity.

Cons: Both opportunities for a shot are long-range, requiring high shooting skill.

Flare





Yet another play with a spread formation, Flare has just that: flair. After beginning the play, your spread players begin to cut into the paint. Watch for an open man to take the ball to the hole.

Pros: Play creates chaos for the defense.

Cons: It can also create chaos for you.

Double Power





Though its name is Double Power, this is a three-man job. Your players begin lined up along the paint. After the play is initiated, the power forward and center streak into the paint.

Look for the open man and dish him the ball. If he has a look, take the short jumper or dunk with authority.

Pros: A very organized play, Double Power puts two big men in scoring position.

Cons: Play depends on typically slow players to get free in the paint.

Double Back Screen





Start the play by moving the point guard toward the baseline along the right. Shovel the ball to the small forward as he sprints toward you. Then he quickly swings toward the basket.

If he can't get in scoring position, dump the ball off on another player near the basket's left.

Pros: It's an easy score if the small forward can get in position.

Cons: If your small forward can't cut, your options aren't as bright.

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Power C





When your players set along the baseline, take the point guard up near the key. Set the play in motion and wait for the center to take a spot in the paint to the basket's left.

Toss him the rock for an easy shot or a punctuated dunk.

Pros: Beefy centers will get this almost every time.

Cons: Careful defenses will take a charge from your center if he's not close enough to the basket.

Power PF





If you have a talented power forward, this play is perfect. It's an Isolation play by design, and the power forward begins in the low post. When the other players clear out, the power forward should have a clean shot.

Should the power forward not have the clean shot, look to your center on the other side of the lane.

Pros: Favors talented power forwards.

Cons: Center needs to be in position if the play breaks.

Mid Power





The point guard typically begins on the left while the other players are spread around the court. Run the point guard right toward the power forward.

As the power forward moves to the middle and sets a screen, drive the rock to the hole.

Pros: Favors large, talented power forwards and has potential for a 3-point play.

Cons: Play can break down if the lane is clogged and your shooting guard isn't open.

TIP

If you don't get a clean look from your power forward, look for a three-point opportunity from your shooting guard.

Screen Game





In this play, the power forward sets a screen from the right and the shooting guard sets one on the left. As both players set a screen, they create an open lane between them.

If the lane gets clogged, transform the play into a Pick-and-Pop-type play by tossing the rock back to either the power forward or the shooting guard.

Pros: Play can easily be salvaged if it begins to fall apart.

Cons: A failed screen can quickly break the play.

Highflyer SG





All players except the point guard begin positioned in the lane. Wait for your small forward to cut right for a three while the shooting guard drives the hole. Pick an open man and take a shot.

Pros: Multiple scoring options.

Cons: Play depends on your shooting guard's interior game. If he can't cut it inside, your options are limited.

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Highflyer SF





Much like Highflyer SG, this play can result in a powerful dunk. Begin the play in a spread formation. Let the small forward cut toward the basket; dump it off to him for a dunk or quick two.

Pros: If the small forward is speedy, he can get the dunk without problem.

Cons: If your timing is off, the pass to the small forward can easily get picked off.

Shuffle





Begin the play with players on the left of the basket. Because everyone is bunched up on the left, the court's right is open. Only your point guard is on the court's right.

Send your center to the basket's right and pass him the ball as he crosses the paint. Once he's on the other side of the basket, look for the open shot.

Pros: If your center can get open, it's an easy shot.

Cons: If you're too slow in passing him the ball, the center might get stuffed when he takes the shot.

Scorer PF





This play is designed for a talented power forward. All players but the point guard begin on the court's left half. After initiating the play, the power forward navigates the picks across the paint and ends on the basket's right.

If he makes it past the defenders, he gets a good shot at an easy layup.

TIP

This play takes a minute to unfold. Be patient and wait for your power forward to get in position.

Pros: Easy shot if the power forward gets open.

Cons: Takes time to develop.

Scorer SF





A perfect play for a talented small forward, Scorer SF places your small forward in the paint. As always, your point guard starts off atop the key with other players to his left.

Wait for the small forward to drive into the lane and zip him the ball. The power forward sets the screen for your small forward, clearing the way to the hoop.

Pros: Simple, straightforward play with a direct shot at the hoop. Favors talented and speedy small forwards.

Cons: Should the power forward's screen fail, the lane is clogged.

Scorer SG





This play is designed to put the shooting guard in firing range. The power forward moves up from the left of the court and sets a pick for the shooting guard.

Either drive the lane with the shooting guard or shovel the ball to the center for a short jumper.

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Pros: Multiple scoring options.

Cons: Smart defenses can plug the lane and take a charge.

Shooter A





This play begins with a scattered formation while the point guard stands at the court's middle. Move the point guard right, while the shooting guard moves into the paint.

Suddenly, the shooting guard moves out of the paint and to the left, stopping by the three-point line. Pass him the ball while he is shifting positions and take the shot.

Pros: Favors shooting guards with good three-point ability.

Cons: Shooting guards with less three-point ability won't be as successful.

Shooter B

This play begins with your point guard at the court's middle and the shooting guard to the very left. Begin the play by moving the point guard right.

The shooting guard moves along the baseline to the right and stops in good three-point position near the corner. Pass him the ball and fire.





Pros: Good three-point play.

Cons: There aren't many options if the play is broken.

TIP

Watch the screens to create a great shooting opportunity from the three-point line.

Balance





Begin with the point guard on the left side of the court. Meanwhile, the other players man up on the right. Wait for the center to cut toward the basket and dish him the ball as he penetrates the lane.

Then, the shooting guard dashes out of the right and takes position outside the arch for a three.

Pros: Play can isolate players and allow for a flexible offense.

Cons: Excessive player movement can break the play before it even happens.

Rocket Fuel





This play is a lot like a back-door play. All players begin arranged along the lane's perimeter. The shooting guard cuts across the paint from the right and finishes on the left with an opportunity for a three-point attempt.

Pros: Good three-point play for talented shooting guards.

Cons: Shooting guard needs to traverse the paint and avoid several defenders to get open.

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Defensive Schemes

Now that you know how to score, you need to know how to stop the other team from running the boards on you. In the following pages we examine defensive schemes so that you may find what suits you best.

Half-Court Trap

2-2-1 Half-Court Trap
Half-Court Trap
Half-Court Corner Trap



Half Court Trap defense does just what the name suggests: it attempts to trap the ball handler on one side of the court. By placing the players in a standard zone formation, like 2-2-1, players can trap ball handlers when they veer too far in any one direction.

Pros: Good for creating turnovers.

Cons: Can give up easy shots.

Double-Team



Double-Team doesn't require a particular formation to be effective. In fact, it's not a typical play—it's more a technique. Call a Double-Team to place two men on one opponent.

Typically the man being double-teamed would be the ball handler; however, you can often employ this strategy to keep an exceptional playmaker or shooter at bay.

Pros: Great way to stifle superstar-caliber players.

Cons: Leaves one opponent free to get in scoring position.

Man-to-Man

Three-Quarter-Court Man-to-Man
Full-Court Man-to-Man
Half-Court Man-to-Man
Man-to-Man



Another defensive scheme that is as obvious as its name, Man-to-Man matches up one of your players against one of theirs. The "court" prefixes in each play designate at which point the players will engage in Man-to-Man defense.

For example, "half-court" indicates that your players will engage in Man-to-Man defense *after* the opponent has crossed the half-court line.

Pros: Everyone is covered.

Cons: Opponents can exploit matchups in their favor.

2-3 Zones

2-3 Zone
2-3 Shifting Zone
2-3 Trapping Zone



This zone defense places two players atop the key (typically the point guard and small forward) and lines the other three players along the baseline; hence 2-3.

Each player guards a particular "zone" of the court and moves according to the designated play. For example, a 2-3 Shifting Zone allows them room to shift around, while a 2-3 Trapping Zone requires that they trap the ball handler on the perimeter.

Pros: Three big men defend the baseline effectively.

Cons: Weak against good perimeter shooters.

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3-2 Zones

3-2 Zone
3-2 Shifting Zone
3-2 Zone (SF on Top)
3-2 Trapping Zone
3-2 Trap (SF on Top)



This scheme is like 2-3 Zones but reverses the players' positions. Three men guard the top and outer edges of the key while two remain close to the baseline.

Use this defense against teams with great inside players to slow their game.

Pros: Defends the lane well and is good for defensive rebounding.

Cons: Weak against outside shooters.

1-3-1 Zones

1-3-1 Zone
1-3-1 Zone A
1-3-1 Trapping Zone



This defense staggers players in a diamond shape along the court. Starting with the center near the basket, the forwards and shooting guard lined up inside the arch, and point guard atop the key, the players form a tight seal in the post.

Use this scheme with teams that like to drive the lane and have talented post players.

Pros: Shuts down the interior game.

Cons: Weak against corner threes.

"And 1" Zones

Box and 1
Diamond and 1



These plays take four players to form the designated shape (box or diamond) while leaving the fifth player, typically the point guard, to pressure the ball handler.

"And 1" Zones are great against penetration and the post game. However, use them sparingly; don't formulate your defense around them.

Pros: These zones shut down the post game effectively.

Cons: They leave a lot of room for long-range shooters.

Full-Court Press Defenses

2-2-1 Full-Court Press
1-2-1-1 Full-Court Press
1-2-2 Full-Court Press
3-1-1 Full-Court Press



This is the ultimate pressure defense. Designed to generate turnovers, the Full-Court Press is best used sporadically and in cases where a turnover is needed.

The number prefixes refer to the player arrangement on the court. For example, a 3-1-1 Full-Court Press places three men up top, one in the key, and one under the basket. Keep that in mind when selecting a Full-Court Press defense.

Pros: Great at generating turnovers.

Cons: Different formations allow for formation-specific weaknesses.

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ATLANTA HAWKS





Then...

Originally known as the Tri-Cities Blackhawks, the team represented three different cities along the Mississippi River. In 1951, the team relocated to Milwaukee as the Hawks, and then to St. Louis in 1957, where it spent another 13 years. There the Hawks experienced a tumultuous time until their relocation to Atlanta in 1968.

Now...

Today's Atlanta Hawks are an evolving team. Though they improved on 2005's 13–69 record by doubling their wins (26–56) in 2006, they still failed to live up to their full potential.

Next season they hope the 2005 NBA Draft's second overall pick, Marvin Williams, will have the breakout season they anticipated last year. If he does, he is capable of elevating his team and, hopefully, doubling the win total once again.

HEAD COACH

>>> MIKE WOODSON <<<

After being a highly important part of the Detroit Pistons' NBA Championship, Mike "Woody" Woodson, long-time assistant to Larry Brown and a former NBA player, took over the Atlanta Hawks' head coach position in 2004.

A seasoned NBA veteran, Coach Woodson is also a graduate of the Bobby Knight school of hard knocks, having played under the legendary coach at Indiana University.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> WILKINS vs. BIRD <<<

The 1988 Eastern Conference Semifinals between the Hawks and Celtics came down to game seven. The fourth quarter electrified fans as Dominique Wilkins and Larry Bird traded points in a heated shootout that ended in a two-point Boston victory.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Dominique "Human Highlight Film" Wilkins (1983—1999)

Drafted in 1982, Dominique Wilkins became the everlasting face of the revitalized Atlanta Hawks in the early '80s. Over the course of 11 seasons, 'Nique averaged 20 points per game and remains the team's all-time leading scorer.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
26	56	.454	.367	.750	13.0	27.2	40.3	19.8	7.2	4.8	15.7	25.0	97.2

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Sheldel Williams
Power Forward	Marvin Williams
Shooting Guard	Josh Childress
Shooting Guard	Joe Johnson
Point Guard	Speedy Claxton

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Joe Johnson	Shooting Guard	85
Josh Smith	Small Forward	78
Josh Childress	Shooting Guard	73
Marvin Williams	Power Forward	72
Speedy Claxton	Point Guard	70
Shelden Williams	Center	68
Zaza Pachulia	Center	68
Tyronn Lue	Point Guard	67
Salim Stoudemire	Shooting Guard	63
Royal Ivey	Point Guard	63
Donta Smith	Small Forward	62
Esteban Batista	Power Forward	54

PLAYING AS



Your game is going to rely on your Star players. Because the Hawks lack defensive Superstars, don't rely too much on defensive stops. Instead, make it happen with your highflyer, Josh Smith, and run your plays through Joe Johnson.

PLAYING AGAINST



Play your game in the lane. Because the Hawks don't have much in the way of defensive stoppers, turn your offense on high and drive the lane with authority.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Joe Johnson	Outside Scorer, Shooter, Playmaker
Josh Smith	Inside Stopper

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Josh Smith	Highflyer







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Joe Johnson	Shooting Guard	82	83	80	77	52	29	80
Josh Smith	Small Forward	50	26	71	93	60	57	29
Josh Childress	Shooting Guard	55	44	76	71	55	65	40
Marvin Williams	Power Forward	75	65	74	71	48	80	26
Speedy Claxton	Point Guard	65	40	76	0	47	15	88
Sheldel Williams	Center	55	5	70	70	64	65	23
Zaza Pachulia	Center	65	0	74	58	61	72	21
Tyronn Lue	Point Guard	75	65	86	0	46	5	82
Salim Staoudemire	Shooting Guard	71	79	90	25	35	10	65
Royal Ivey	Point Guard	55	31	72	35	40	18	61
Dontay Smith	Small Forward	55	42	50	55	52	35	43
Esteban Batista	Power Forward	30	1	62	60	55	55	30

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Joe Johnson	Shooting Guard	80	10	71	70	75
Josh Smith	Small Forward	52	75	75	73	80
Josh Childress	Shooting Guard	56	33	55	72	75
Marvin Williams	Power Forward	38	28	60	60	65
Speedy Claxton	Point Guard	86	5	67	86	90
Sheldel Williams	Center	12	68	58	63	56
Zaza Pachulia	Center	52	46	55	51	60
Tyronn Lue	Point Guard	28	0	75	90	88
Salim Staoudemire	Shooting Guard	30	2	29	80	75
Royal Ivey	Point Guard	82	12	39	68	73
Dontay Smith	Small Forward	84	18	41	61	61
Esteban Batista	Power Forward	26	25	32	40	45

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Joe Johnson	Shooting Guard	29	49	69	69
Josh Smith	Small Forward	57	75	95	53
Josh Childress	Shooting Guard	65	63	74	45
Marvin Williams	Power Forward	50	61	80	61
Speedy Claxton	Point Guard	15	40	50	42
Sheldel Williams	Center	65	58	69	70
Zaza Pachulia	Center	72	80	45	65
Tyronn Lue	Point Guard	5	35	35	45
Salim Staoudemire	Shooting Guard	10	25	50	40
Royal Ivey	Point Guard	18	42	50	55
Dontay Smith	Small Forward	35	39	43	66
Esteban Batista	Power Forward	55	70	50	70

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Joe Johnson	Shooting Guard	69	69	70	75	81	85	75	39
Josh Smith	Small Forward	96	53	73	80	60	63	80	59
Josh Childress	Shooting Guard	74	45	72	75	69	67	65	39
Marvin Williams	Power Forward	80	61	60	65	53	75	75	22
Speedy Claxton	Point Guard	50	42	86	86	85	65	38	59
Sheldel Williams	Center	69	70	53	65	25	66	56	15
Zaza Pachulia	Center	45	65	51	60	45	62	68	79
Tyronn Lue	Point Guard	35	45	90	88	71	64	70	39
Salim Staoudemire	Shooting Guard	50	40	80	75	68	70	70	10
Royal Ivey	Point Guard	50	70	40	45	60	50	75	35
Dontay Smith	Small Forward	43	66	61	61	56	50	75	35
Esteban Batista	Power Forward	50	70	40	45	40	50	50	35

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BOSTON CELTICS





Then...

The team with the most championship wins in NBA history has an interesting past. Born in 1946, the Boston Celtics were one of the first teams in the Basketball Association of America.

Team founder Walter Brown helped shape the league his team would later come to dominate. Though the first few years were difficult, in the late '50s the Celtics became an unstoppable force, winning eight championships in a row. After suffering their first championship loss in nearly a decade, the Celtics came back the following year and won two more championships in a row.

Now...

Today's Celtics remain Paul Pierce's team. Surrounded by a young squad, Pierce spearheads an offense that lacks playoff experience. Luckily, Pierce can rely on experienced players like Wally Szczerbiak to help shape newcomers to the green and white.

The small and speedy Rajon Rondo may make a splash this coming season despite not being picked up in the 2006 NBA Draft. Hopefully, he can put his quickness to work on the court while creating some defensive stops.

HEAD COACH

>>> DOC RIVERS <<<

Doc Rivers began his career in Orlando coaching the Magic, where he won Coach of the Year (1999–2000) honors. After leaving the Orlando Magic he spent some time as a basketball analyst for ABC alongside Al Michaels. As an NBA player he played for such great coaches as Pat Riley and Larry Brown.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> "THE SHOT" <<<

During a 1976 game against the Suns, the Celtics battled through double overtime to lead the game by two in the final seconds. After a timekeeper's mix-up resulted in a Suns' inbound at half-court, Suns player Gar Heard made a miraculous shot to tie the game and send it into triple overtime. The Celtics eventually pulled ahead and emerged victorious.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Larry Bird (1979–1992)

Larry Bird helped the Boston Celtics win three championships during his 13 seasons with the club. Upon retiring he had amassed an impressive 24 points, 10 rebounds, and 6 assists per game average, while shooting just under 50 percent from the field and 89 percent from the free-throw line. His is one of the Celtics' retired numbers.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
33	49	.467	.362	.755	9.9	29.7	39.6	20.9	7.0	5.2	16.6	24.8	98.0

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Kendrick Perkins
Power Forward	Al Jefferson
Small Forward	Paul Pierce
Shooting Guard	Wally Szczerbiak
Point Guard	Sebastian Telfair

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Paul Pierce	Small Forward	89
Kendrick Perkins	Center	65
Delonte West	Point Guard	74
Wally Szczerbiak	Shooting Guard	73
Sebastian Telfair	Point Guard	73
Al Jefferson	Power Forward	71
Gerald Green	Small Forward	69
Tony Allen	Shooting Guard	69
Dwayne Jones	Power Forward	65
Theo Ratliff	Center	65
Leon Powe	Power Forward	64
Ryan Gomes	Small Forward	62
Rajon Rondo	Point Guard	60
Brian Scalabrine	Power Forward	59
Allan Ray	Shooting Guard	56

PLAYING AS

You have a bevy of Star players on your team, with plenty of variety to make this year's Celtics more than the Paul Pierce show.

By all means, use Pierce's outside scoring potential, but when it comes to varying your offense, keep your opponent guessing by taking to the air with Gerald Green and shooting with Wally Szczerbiak. Use Theo Ratliff inside the lines to stop your opponent from driving the lane.

PLAYING AGAINST

Though Theo Ratliff is a decent inside stopper, nothing should stop you from running the ball inside. Use low post plays to rack up points, and defend against the outside shot while on defense.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Paul Pierce	Inside Scorer, Shooter
Wally Szczerbiak	Shooter
Gerald Green	Highflyer
Theo Ratliff	Inside Stopper

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Paul Pierce	Outside Scorer







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Kendrick Perkins	Center	43	0	61	60	62	51	18
Al Jefferson	Power Forward	34	0	64	65	70	76	9
Paul Pierce	Small Forward	80	83	80	80	80	94	57
Wally Szczerbiak	Shooting Guard	80	80	89	55	64	78	44
Sebastian Telfair	Point Guard	65	55	74	5	55	74	80
Delonte West	Point Guard	67	74	85	63	44	65	70
Gerald Green	Small Forward	72	61	78	87	41	60	30
Rajon Rondo	Point Guard	43	28	57	51	61	49	73
Theo Ratliff	Center	63	0	65	68	72	33	8
Ryan Gomes	Small Forward	41	37	75	60	65	61	29
Allan Ray	Shooting Guard	68	75	89	22	43	60	37
Tony Allen	Shooting Guard	54	57	74	79	43	56	43
Brian Scalabrine	Power Forward	50	65	72	39	52	60	36
Dwayne Jones	Power Forward	52	1	46	72	65	52	40
Leon Powe	Power Forward	52	12	67	62	63	44	51

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Kendrick Perkins	Center	28	84	44	54	56
Al Jefferson	Power Forward	33	84	57	48	51
Paul Pierce	Small Forward	80	19	69	78	81
Wally Szczerbiak	Shooting Guard	33	9	55	66	69
Sebastian Telfair	Point Guard	75	3	69	97	95
Delonte West	Point Guard	76	25	40	70	80
Gerald Green	Small Forward	40	10	60	75	75
Rajon Rondo	Point Guard	70	1	67	80	80
Theo Ratliff	Center	24	82	81	50	49
Ryan Gomes	Small Forward	31	18	60	64	69
Allan Ray	Shooting Guard	20	1	33	79	75
Tony Allen	Shooting Guard	71	15	64	65	74
Brian Scalabrine	Power Forward	52	23	62	36	38
Dwayne Jones	Power Forward	32	72	43	63	64
Leon Powe	Power Forward	21	23	53	67	65

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Kendrick Perkins	Center	73	91	35	80
Al Jefferson	Power Forward	79	81	65	81
Paul Pierce	Small Forward	21	64	72	68
Wally Szczerbiak	Shooting Guard	25	44	68	69
Sebastian Telfair	Point Guard	5	36	50	40
Delonte West	Point Guard	22	53	61	40
Gerald Green	Small Forward	20	50	90	35
Rajon Rondo	Point Guard	11	19	45	30
Theo Ratliff	Center	51	80	50	64
Ryan Gomes	Small Forward	53	65	50	61
Allan Ray	Shooting Guard	12	21	33	33
Tony Allen	Shooting Guard	44	46	71	51
Brian Scalabrine	Power Forward	57	60	30	69
Dwayne Jones	Power Forward	61	65	67	65
Leon Powe	Power Forward	38	56	60	70

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Kendrick Perkins	Center	35	80	54	56	22	70	54	39
Al Jefferson	Power Forward	65	81	48	51	40	70	70	39
Paul Pierce	Small Forward	72	68	78	81	85	79	90	65
Wally Szczerbiak	Shooting Guard	68	69	66	69	67	71	70	65
Sebastian Telfair	Point Guard	50	40	97	95	90	67	80	75
Delonte West	Point Guard	61	40	70	80	71	66	70	30
Gerald Green	Small Forward	90	35	75	75	74	50	70	15
Rajon Rondo	Point Guard	45	30	80	80	79	75	47	22
Theo Ratliff	Center	50	64	50	49	26	60	60	59
Ryan Gomes	Small Forward	50	61	64	69	32	50	70	10
Allan Ray	Shooting Guard	33	33	79	75	75	70	29	34
Tony Allen	Shooting Guard	71	51	65	74	61	50	57	10
Brian Scalabrine	Power Forward	30	69	36	38	36	50	50	33
Dwayne Jones	Power Forward	67	65	63	64	34	50	55	27
Leon Powe	Power Forward	60	70	67	65	55	65	68	22

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CHARLOTTE BOBCATS





Then...

When the Charlotte Hornets moved to New Orleans in 2003–2004, the city of Charlotte was promised a team in replacement. After a frenzy of bids from NBA legends like Larry Bird and entertainment mogul Robert L. Johnson, it was Johnson's group that won the bid to found a new team in Charlotte.

Now...

Today's Bobcats are still a young team in terms of NBA experience. The team can finally begin to shed its tag as the NBA's least cohesive team and cement itself as a true NBA competitor. After increasing its wins by 50 percent over the previous year, the NBA's youngest team is showing signs of steadily growing up.

HEAD COACH

>>> BERNIE BICKERSTAFF <<<

No one was better suited than 30-year NBA veteran Bernie Bickerstaff to take the expansion team's helm. Having spent 12 years as an assistant coach, then 10 years as a head coach for three teams, and having served as a general manager and president for seven seasons, Bickerstaff was the best foundation the Bobcats owners could have laid for their new team.

How better to support your fledgling team than with a man whose years in the NBA are higher than the age of some of his players?

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> FIGHT OR FLIGHT? <<<

Before becoming an official part of the NBA, the nameless team had to take on an identity. The team opened the polls to the city of Charlotte, and public opinion agreed that the new team should be named the Charlotte Flight after the native Carolinian Wright brothers' accomplishment in making Carolina the "first in flight."

In an unexpected change of heart, however, owner Robert L. Johnson decided to conform to Carolina's cat-themed sports nomenclature and dubbed them the Charlotte Bobcats. After all, the bobcat is part of Charlotte's indigenous wildlife.

NOTABLE FIGURE

The Owners

Having won the bid to own the newest NBA franchise, Black Entertainment Television founder Robert L. Johnson became one of the NBA's most prominent African-American owners. Later, others would become part-owners as well, including NBA legend Michael Jordan and recording artist Nelly.

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26	56	.433	.339	.729	12.1	27.7	39.8	20.9	10.0	4.3	14.2	23.9	96.9

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Primoz Brezec
Power Forward	Emeka Okafor
Small Forward	Gerald Wallace
Shooting Guard	Adam Morrison
Point Guard	Raymond Felton

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Emeka Okafor	Power Forward	78
Gerald Wallace	Small Forward	78
Raymond Felton	Point Guard	74
Adam Morrison	Shooting Guard	73
Primoz Brezec	Center	68
Brevin Knight	Point Guard	68
Sean May	Power Forward	68
Melvin Ely	Center	65
Bernard Robinson	Small Forward	63
Kevin Burleson	Point Guard	60
Matt Carroll	Shooting Guard	58
Alan Anderson	Shooting Guard	57

PLAYING AS

Like it or not, the team is still young and developing. However, it does boast a few talented defensive stoppers. Focus your game on creating turnovers and capitalizing on them.

Unfortunately, the team isn't "burdened" by an overwhelming number of scorers, so be modest in your offensive attack. Run safe, low-post plays through Knight and only attack from the perimeter when you have an uncontested shot.

PLAYING AGAINST

The Bobcats aren't going to rack up the points unless you let them. Pepper them with plenty of long-range shots and overwhelm the young team with an aggressive offense.

Steer clear of Brevin Knight while on the perimeter and watch for Okafor's stopping power. Other than that, gain momentum and run the boards.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Emeka Okafor	Power, Inside Stopper
Gerald Wallace	Highflyer, Inside Stopper, Outside Stopper
Brevin Knight	Playmaker

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Brevin Knight	Outside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Primoz Brezec	Center	69	0	73	62	73	78	18
Emeka Okafor	Power Forward	38	0	66	85	75	78	18
Gerald Wallace	Small Forward	54	42	66	82	63	61	30
Adam Morrison	Shooting Guard	72	75	80	64	68	70	60
Raymond Felton	Point Guard	63	66	72	65	50	61	75
Brevin Knight	Point Guard	61	23	80	0	42	80	85
Sean May	Power Forward	59	0	72	70	70	61	38
Kevin Burleson	Point Guard	65	56	94	44	35	60	65
Matt Carroll	Shooting Guard	64	65	82	0	43	79	18
Bernard Robinson	Small Forward	51	38	79	40	37	54	44
Melvin Ely	Center	55	0	66	65	57	65	22
Alan Anderson	Shooting Guard	62	58	80	57	40	55	40

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Primoz Brezec	Center	25	55	40	54	51
Emeka Okafor	Power Forward	48	75	75	60	64
Gerald Wallace	Small Forward	82	75	75	76	76
Adam Morrison	Shooting Guard	20	11	59	70	70
Raymond Felton	Point Guard	71	5	61	82	83
Brevin Knight	Point Guard	83	3	80	85	86
Sean May	Power Forward	21	42	53	55	60
Kevin Burleson	Point Guard	63	2	35	62	65
Matt Carroll	Shooting Guard	72	7	39	43	51
Bernard Robinson	Small Forward	60	18	55	69	61
Melvin Ely	Center	35	66	45	56	55
Alan Anderson	Shooting Guard	53	5	45	62	60

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Primoz Brezec	Center	76	70	40	69
Emeka Okafor	Power Forward	76	75	55	85
Gerald Wallace	Small Forward	43	75	85	57
Adam Morrison	Shooting Guard	40	65	55	63
Raymond Felton	Point Guard	20	25	70	43
Brevin Knight	Point Guard	8	40	40	43
Sean May	Power Forward	68	74	53	72
Kevin Burleson	Point Guard	20	55	30	26
Matt Carroll	Shooting Guard	23	57	40	57
Bernard Robinson	Small Forward	33	54	65	56
Melvin Ely	Center	68	58	50	79
Alan Anderson	Shooting Guard	35	50	64	35

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Primoz Brezec	Center	40	69	54	51	40	69	80	39
Emeka Okafor	Power Forward	55	85	60	64	44	76	85	28
Gerald Wallace	Small Forward	85	57	76	76	60	67	50	2
Adam Morrison	Shooting Guard	55	63	70	70	65	70	60	70
Raymond Felton	Point Guard	70	43	82	83	80	70	65	25
Brevin Knight	Point Guard	40	43	85	86	83	64	55	50
Sean May	Power Forward	53	72	55	60	41	60	75	35
Kevin Burleson	Point Guard	30	26	62	65	65	50	40	20
Matt Carroll	Shooting Guard	40	57	43	51	70	50	60	79
Bernard Robinson	Small Forward	65	56	69	61	65	50	65	35
Melvin Ely	Center	50	79	56	55	24	52	75	35
Alan Anderson	Shooting Guard	64	35	62	60	44	50	23	35

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CHICAGO BULLS





Then...

Though the team was founded in 1966, the Chicago Bulls didn't become *the* Chicago Bulls until the mid-'80s. It was then that the Chicago Bulls drafted one of the most electrifying athletes to ever grace *any* sport. Michael Jordan became the face of the Bulls, the face of the NBA, and the face of elite athletes all over the world.

Now...

Oddly enough, the team that became the prototype for sports dynasties is in a recovery phase. After all, you can't burn that bright for nearly a decade without needing to recharge amidst a haze of smoke.

Luckily, today's Bulls are steadily improving their game. Another one of the NBA's young teams, they have acquired powerhouse center Ben Wallace to add a dash of seasoned experience.

HEAD COACH

>>> SCOTT SKILES <<<

A relatively young head coach, Coach Skiles has had a decent amount of success with his newest franchise. Not unaccustomed to success, the Bulls' newest coach boasts an impressive .531 career win record across six seasons as an NBA head coach.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Phil Jackson (1989–1998)

During nine seasons as the Chicago Bulls' head coach, Jackson led the team to its first NBA title in 1991 and followed it up with five more titles during his tenure. Father of the "three-peat," Jackson led the Bulls to three consecutive NBA championship titles twice.

While becoming one of the franchise's winningest coaches, he achieved the NBA's best single-season record with a 1995–1996 record of 72–10. These are but a few of the things Phil Jackson achieved while in Chicago.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> JORDAN'S "THE SHOT" <<<

You've seen it plenty of times. Whether it is on ESPN highlight reels or doctored commercials peddling sports drinks, the Bulls' version of "the shot" is just as memorable, if not more so, than "the shot" that sent the Celtics into a triple overtime game versus the Suns.

During game five of the 1989 five-game playoff series, the Bulls were in a heated game versus the Cleveland Cavaliers. During the final seconds of the game, with the game riding on the line, Jordan leapt into the air and released a perfect shot to win the game. As he landed, he pumped his fist in the air in celebration, an image that has been firmly engrained in basketball fans' memories.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
41	41	.446	.379	.738	11.0	31.7	42.8 22.0	6.2	4.2	14.9	24.9	97.8	

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Ben Wallace
Power Forward	P.J. Brown
Small Forward	Andres Nocioni
Shooting Guard	Ben Gordon
Point Guard	Kirk Hinrich

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Ben Wallace	Center	84
Kirk Hinrich	Point Guard	81
Ben Gordon	Shooting Guard	78
Andres Nocioni	Small Forward	77
Loul Deng	Small Forward	74
J.R. Smith	Shooting Guard	73
P.J. Brown	Power Forward	71
Tyrus Thomas	Small Forward	70
Chris Duhon	Point Guard	69
Adrian Griffin	Small Forward	68
Michael Sweetney	Power Forward	65
Luke Schenscher	Center	46

PLAYING AS

Young or not, the Bulls have a talented, well-rounded team. Adding to Gordon and Hinrich's outside scoring ability is big Ben Wallace's defensive power. Add J.R. Smith's high-flying antics and you have a team with decent defense and good overall scoring ability.

Run the majority of your offense through Hinrich and focus your defense around Wallace, and you will be winning games in no time.

PLAYING AGAINST

Don't take Wallace one-on-one unless you have a player capable of standing toe-to-toe with him. Focus your offense on outside shooting and attack the paint if you're blessed with a Superstar interior player.

While on defense, try to shut down Hinrich and Gordon on the outside while doubling up on Wallace near the lane.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Ben Wallace	Power
Ben Gordon	Outside Scorer
Kirk Hinrich	Playmaker, Outside Scorer, Shooter
J.R. Smith	Highflyer

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Ben Wallace	Inside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Ben Wallace	Center	49	7	41	80	64	51	24
P.J. Brown	Power Forward	50	0	82	69	63	59	30
Andres Nocioni	Small Forward	71	75	84	75	58	67	59
Ben Gordon	Shooting Guard	81	84	80	70	56	81	63
Kirk Hinrich	Point Guard	80	80	81	50	48	82	84
Loul Deng	Small Forward	65	65	74	60	60	75	39
Chris Duhon	Point Guard	65	72	81	30	40	60	75
J.R. Smith	Shooting Guard	73	73	82	87	55	67	34
Tyrus Thomas	Small Forward	55	30	65	80	65	40	35
Michael Sweetney	Power Forward	39	0	65	64	77	75	14
Luke Schenscher	Center	45	1	55	43	61	22	11
Adrian Griffin	Small Forward	56	24	77	10	48	43	57

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Ben Wallace	Center	80	90	99	70	70
P.J. Brown	Power Forward	48	27	82	59	62
Andres Nocioni	Small Forward	35	28	75	59	61
Ben Gordon	Shooting Guard	48	7	61	75	80
Kirk Hinrich	Point Guard	72	12	65	77	80
Loul Deng	Small Forward	52	25	58	69	68
Chris Duhon	Point Guard	68	1	70	69	73
J.R. Smith	Shooting Guard	52	9	41	74	80
Tyrus Thomas	Small Forward	44	67	62	65	74
Michael Sweetney	Power Forward	32	28	55	64	55
Luke Schenscher	Center	16	54	45	37	59
Adrian Griffin	Small Forward	73	9	85	66	62

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CHICAGO BULLS

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Ben Wallace	Center	82	91	80	88
P.J. Brown	Power Forward	72	77	50	65
Andres Nocioni	Small Forward	29	77	74	63
Ben Gordon	Shooting Guard	21	42	75	55
Kirk Hinrich	Point Guard	12	50	70	49
Loul Deng	Small Forward	44	71	63	59
Chris Duhon	Point Guard	8	46	56	48
J.R. Smith	Shooting Guard	16	32	85	59
Tyrus Thomas	Small Forward	55	70	80	35
Michael Sweetney	Power Forward	78	77	30	82
Luke Schenscher	Center	55	60	56	71
Adrian Griffin	Small Forward	63	71	50	70

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Ben Wallace	Center	80	88	70	70	24	80	88	30
P.J. Brown	Power Forward	50	65	59	62	35	76	79	39
Andres Nocioni	Small Forward	74	63	59	61	61	70	75	58
Ben Gordon	Shooting Guard	75	55	75	80	81	70	70	85
Kirk Hinrich	Point Guard	70	49	77	80	88	79	78	77
Loul Deng	Small Forward	63	59	69	68	61	70	70	39
Chris Duhon	Point Guard	56	48	69	73	70	62	70	35
J.R. Smith	Shooting Guard	85	59	74	80	77	57	70	35
Tyrus Thomas	Small Forward	80	35	65	74	60	72	41	5
Michael Sweetney	Power Forward	30	82	64	55	39	50	72	89
Luke Schenscher	Center	56	71	37	59	23	70	70	44
Adrian Griffin	Small Forward	50	70	66	62	66	77	58	39

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CLEVELAND CAVALIERS





Then...

The Cleveland Cavaliers' first year was forgettable, at best. Introduced in 1970, the Cavaliers comprised players "donated" by other teams. After beginning the season with seven straight road games, all losses, they finished their first year with a record of 15–67.

Luckily, over the next few years, they would make key acquisitions that improved their game and marked a slow but promising improvement over their season record.

Now...

Today, the Cleveland Cavaliers are an exciting team to watch. Over the last few years they have begun to build a team around their key player, LeBron James. Though they finished with average records, after James's first two seasons, last season's 50–32 record can be seen as the tip of the iceberg of the team's potential. Should they continue to build around the young superstar, the Cavs will be in great position for another playoff run this season.

HEAD COACH

>>> MIKE BROWN <<<

Mike Brown joins the Cavaliers, bringing with him championship experience and plenty of defensive know-how. Having spent a few years with the Spurs, including the 2003 championship team, Brown knows what it takes to go all the way.

In his first year as the Cavaliers' head coach, he improved the team's record from 42–40 to 52–30. The 10-game difference might not seem like much, but it was the difference between a playoff appearance and an early end to the season.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> "Miracle of Richfield" <<<

It was game seven versus Washington in the 1976 playoffs, and the Cleveland Cavaliers had tied the game with 24 seconds left. Jim Cleamons inbounded the ball to Dick Snyder, who then raced past a defender to sink the ball with less than nine seconds on the board. His basket in the final seconds of the game ensured they took the series and advanced.

NOTABLE FIGURE

"Leapin'" Larry Nance (1987–1993)

Larry Nance joined the ailing Cavaliers in 1987 and, along with Mark Price and Brad Daugherty, revitalized the team to lead them in what is probably the Cavaliers' most memorable era.

Larry got his nickname prefix of "Leapin'" after becoming the NBA's first slam-dunk champ in 1984.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
50	32	.454	.339	.729	11.7	30.6	42.3	19.0	6.9	4.8	13.9	21.1	97.6

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Zydrunas Ilgauskas
Power Forward	Donyell Marshall
Small Forward	LeBron James
Shooting Guard	Larry Hughes
Point Guard	Eric Snow

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
LeBron James	Small Forward	97
Larry Hughes	Shooting Guard	84
Donyell Marshall	Power Forward	77
Zydrunas Ilgauskas	Center	76
Eric Snow	Point Guard	68
Anderson Varejao	Power Forward	67
Aleksandar Pavlovic	Shooting Guard	66
Stephen Graham	Small Forward	66
Damon Jones	Point Guard	65
Ira Newble	Small Forward	63
Luke Jackson	Small Forward	61
Daniel Gibson	Point Guard	59
Martynas Andriuskevicius	Center	51

PLAYING AS

The Cavaliers only keep getting better. Last year they were a very well balanced team, and luckily, not much has changed in that respect. Continue to employ James's scoring, Ilgauskas's defensive skills, and Hughes's defense on the outside, and the rest will fall into place.

PLAYING AGAINST

Stay close to LeBron and keep him stifled. He is the cornerstone of the team and as such is their playmaker and scorer. However, don't focus *too* much on James. Watch out for Ilgauskas's interior game, lest you get burned.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

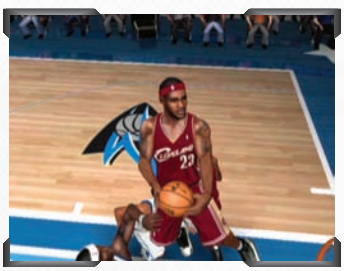
STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Zydrunas Ilgauskas	Inside Stopper, Inside Scorer
LeBron James	Playmaker, Power

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
LeBron James	Highflyer, Inside Scorer, Outside Stopper, Outside Scorer
Larry Hughes	Outside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Zydrunas Ilgauskas	Center	75	15	83	63	81	86	18
Donyell Marshall	Power Forward	72	79	74	64	70	76	23
LeBron James	Small Forward	80	74	73	96	87	90	83
Larry Hughes	Shooting Guard	74	61	75	76	59	87	65
Eric Snow	Point Guard	64	49	68	20	60	70	78
Damon Jones	Point Guard	80	80	64	0	34	70	65
Luke Jackson	Small Forward	67	58	78	40	58	42	52
Ira Newbie	Small Forward	52	55	68	58	53	44	23
Aleksandar Pavlovic	Shooting Guard	72	70	65	60	66	68	26
Anderson Varejao	Power Forward	42	0	51	60	65	60	14
Daniel Gibson	Point Guard	65	67	72	34	49	60	60
Stephen Graham	Small Forward	57	30	93	67	43	61	31
Martynas Andriuskevicius	Center	55	15	69	64	62	32	49

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Zydrunas Ilgauskas	Center	36	75	80	42	46
Donyell Marshall	Power Forward	62	45	42	71	62
LeBron James	Small Forward	82	40	79	87	93
Larry Hughes	Shooting Guard	97	10	85	82	80
Eric Snow	Point Guard	65	12	80	72	73
Damon Jones	Point Guard	30	1	65	77	77
Luke Jackson	Small Forward	55	10	53	46	57
Ira Newbie	Small Forward	49	14	63	68	65
Aleksandar Pavlovic	Shooting Guard	60	7	42	65	70
Anderson Varejao	Power Forward	61	70	43	60	57
Daniel Gibson	Point Guard	19	1	35	73	77
Stephen Graham	Small Forward	45	11	64	62	65
Martynas Andriuskevicius	Center	28	28	38	55	48

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Zydrunas Ilgauskas	Center	79	80	56	70
Donyell Marshall	Power Forward	46	85	54	63
LeBron James	Small Forward	20	75	92	81
Larry Hughes	Shooting Guard	25	68	81	41
Eric Snow	Point Guard	15	33	33	43
Damon Jones	Point Guard	4	44	60	45
Luke Jackson	Small Forward	38	46	49	57
Ira Newbie	Small Forward	33	40	55	60
Aleksandar Pavlovic	Shooting Guard	14	33	62	54
Anderson Varejao	Power Forward	83	79	45	61
Daniel Gibson	Point Guard	12	22	60	32
Stephen Graham	Small Forward	47	55	59	59
Martynas Andriuskevicius	Center	24	34	38	30

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Zydrunas Ilgauskas	Center	56	70	42	46	30	74	60	59
Donyell Marshall	Power Forward	54	63	71	62	61	57	72	59
LeBron James	Small Forward	92	81	87	93	85	75	80	75
Larry Hughes	Shooting Guard	81	41	82	80	83	79	60	60
Eric Snow	Point Guard	33	43	72	73	70	66	55	59
Damon Jones	Point Guard	60	45	77	77	75	71	75	59
Luke Jackson	Small Forward	49	57	46	57	42	50	70	24
Ira Newbie	Small Forward	55	60	68	65	62	58	70	39
Aleksandar Pavlovic	Shooting Guard	62	54	65	70	65	50	75	79
Anderson Varejao	Power Forward	45	61	60	57	58	50	65	30
Daniel Gibson	Point Guard	60	32	73	77	71	75	39	22
Stephen Graham	Small Forward	59	59	62	65	55	55	77	15
Martynas Andriuskevicius	Center	38	30	55	48	45	50	65	25

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DALLAS MAVERICKS





Then...

The Dallas Mavericks began their franchise in 1980 as an expansion team after Donald Carter paid $12 million to start up the fledgling team. Their first few years were less than stellar, as expected, but they showed steady signs of improvement until 1986, when they took their first division title.

Now...

Today's Mavericks are a consummate playoff threat. Having made consistent playoff appearances in the last few years, they continue to dominate the Western Conference. Last year's finals appearance was a sign that the team had matured enough to compete at championship level in spite of losing point guard Steve Nash two years prior.

This year they have adopted an attitude of "don't fix what isn't broken" and made only subtle additions to help support the NBA's second-overall team of last year.

HEAD COACH

>>> AVERY JOHNSON <<<

Johnson took over head coaching duties in 2005 after Don Nelson retired to focus on other aspects of running the NBA team. Prior to becoming head coach, Johnson was assistant coach to the Mavericks.

However, most interesting was Johnson's move to head coach just two years after retiring as an NBA player. He began his career as an NBA player after going undrafted in the 1988 NBA Draft, and later signed as a free agent with the Seattle SuperSonics.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> 2004–2005 NBA PLAYOFFS <<<

After leaving Dallas for Phoenix, Steve Nash led the Phoenix Suns to the best record in the NBA while winning NBA MVP honors. His triumphant season would end in a bitter, hard-fought loss against his former team.

During the second round of the playoffs, Dallas would fight tooth and nail against the Suns as both teams traded victories, topping the 100-point mark multiple times. In the end Dallas proved that not only could it thrive without Nash, but it could beat its former point guard and the team with the best NBA record.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Brad Davis (1980–1992)

Brad Davis was one of the Mavericks' first starting players. He spent the majority of his career with his first team and ended his career as one of the most stable fixtures of the Dallas landscape.

After retiring, he became an involved part of the Maverick community as an assistant coach and, later, a commentator. Davis is one of only two players whose numbers have been retired by the franchise.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
60	22	.462	.374	.783	12.6	29.6	42.2	18.0	7.2	6.0	13.6	22.4	99.1

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
DeSagana Diop	Center
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward
Josh Howard	Small Forward
Devin Harris	Shooting Guard
Jason Terry	Point Guard

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	91
Josh Howard	Small Forward	85
Jason Terry	Point Guard	81
Jerry Stackhouse	Small Forward	76
Devin Harris	Shooting Guard	72
Erick Dampier	Center	70
Darrell Armstrong	Point Guard	69
Austin Croshere	Small Forward	67
DeSagana Diop	Center	65
Greg Buckner	Shooting Guard	64
Maurice Ager	Shooting Guard	61
Josh Powell	Power Forward	59
D.J. Mbenga	Center	57

PLAYING AS

Because the Dallas franchise has chosen to keep things as is, for the most part, playing as the Mavs should be old hat. Use Nowitzki to rack up the points from anywhere on the court. His shooting skill is nearly unparalleled. Mix in Jason Terry to keep the defense scrambling and watch as your lead increases.

PLAYING AGAINST

Watch for Jason Terry while on defense. Most players will concentrate on Nowitzki, leaving Terry to cause some chaos on the outside. Shut down the two players by running a strong 1-3-1 Zone D.

On offense, keep things simple. Don't focus too much on long-range shooting or a tough interior game. Instead spread the points out evenly across the court to ensure they don't sic Terry on one particular player.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

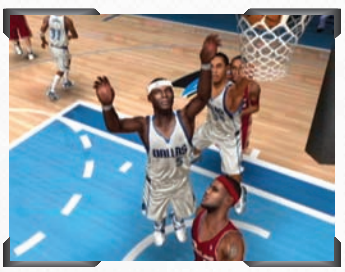
STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Josh Howard	Outside Scorer, Outside Stopper
Jason Terry	Outside Scorer, Shooter
Darrell Armstrong	Outside Stopper

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Dirk Nowitzki	Inside Scorer, Outside Scorer, Shooter
Jason Terry	Outside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
DeSagana Diop	Center	34	0	54	67	48	60	23
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	91	84	90	74	86	95	40
Josh Howard	Small Forward	75	67	73	80	75	80	50
Devin Harris	Shooting Guard	65	59	72	49	64	70	78
Jason Terry	Point Guard	80	80	80	25	56	87	77
Jerry Stackhouse	Small Forward	75	72	88	72	64	79	37
Austin Croshere	Small Forward	71	67	88	57	52	67	25
Erick Dampier	Center	63	0	59	68	64	64	15
Maurice Ager	Shooting Guard	59	59	78	61	39	33	49
Greg Buckner	Shooting Guard	51	73	77	10	54	54	42
D.J. Mbenga	Center	40	0	50	45	54	65	29
Josh Powell	Power Forward	44	1	80	68	55	34	34
Darrell Armstrong	Point Guard	67	60	78	0	51	51	75

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
DeSagana Diop	Center	42	80	67	55	52
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	64	72	64	61	61
Josh Howard	Small Forward	80	20	75	78	80
Devin Harris	Shooting Guard	71	15	63	83	90
Jason Terry	Point Guard	80	9	83	90	90
Jerry Stackhouse	Small Forward	59	9	65	77	75
Austin Croshere	Small Forward	48	14	59	52	59
Erick Dampier	Center	16	75	74	48	44
Maurice Ager	Shooting Guard	44	7	63	71	72
Greg Buckner	Shooting Guard	82	5	64	65	62
D.J. Mbenga	Center	15	65	39	45	50
Josh Powell	Power Forward	20	55	64	52	54
Darrell Armstrong	Point Guard	77	12	75	87	84

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
DeSagana Diop	Center	70	74	50	88
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	29	89	59	69
Josh Howard	Small Forward	54	75	75	54
Devin Harris	Shooting Guard	18	32	65	55
Jason Terry	Point Guard	12	32	50	43
Jerry Stackhouse	Small Forward	18	47	61	61
Austin Croshere	Small Forward	44	73	50	69
Erick Dampier	Center	79	85	40	85
Maurice Ager	Shooting Guard	21	34	67	31
Greg Buckner	Shooting Guard	35	49	50	59
D.J. Mbenga	Center	70	75	25	52
Josh Powell	Power Forward	55	66	44	34
Darrell Armstrong	Point Guard	28	42	40	45

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
DeSagana Diop	Center	50	88	55	52	27	64	34	39
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	59	69	61	61	80	88	85	86
Josh Howard	Small Forward	75	54	78	80	80	77	62	53
Devin Harris	Shooting Guard	65	55	83	90	83	81	60	40
Jason Terry	Point Guard	50	43	90	90	85	85	90	79
Jerry Stackhouse	Small Forward	61	61	77	75	73	71	70	83
Austin Croshere	Small Forward	50	69	52	59	54	59	48	59
Erick Dampier	Center	40	85	48	44	26	59	88	39
Maurice Ager	Shooting Guard	67	31	71	72	64	71	35	20
Greg Buckner	Shooting Guard	50	59	65	62	50	62	62	39
D.J. Mbenga	Center	25	52	45	50	42	50	70	35
Josh Powell	Power Forward	44	34	52	54	37	55	60	15
Darrell Armstrong	Point Guard	40	45	87	84	79	50	60	45

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DENVER NUGGETS





Then...

Originally named the Denver Rockets, the team now known as the Nuggets was born in 1967. As its move from the American Basketball Association to the NBA neared, the team was forced to rename itself so as to not conflict with the San Diego Rockets, now the Houston Rockets.

Now...

The Denver Nuggets are a scrappy team. Young Carmelo Anthony has been the team's anchor in past years, and despite coming off an average season, the Nuggets should see a better season in 2007.

If the team can start firing on all cylinders, it should see another playoff appearance this year.

HEAD COACH

>>> GEORGE KARL <<<

When the Denver Nuggets began to flounder during the 2004 season, they looked to George Karl to revitalize the ailing franchise. Karl's history as one of the NBA's 15 winningest coaches won him the job immediately.

He helped the Nuggets recover from a losing streak and salvage their 2004–2005 season. Karl has not had a losing record in the last 13 years of his coaching career.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> "SKYWALKER" VS. "THE ICEMAN" <<<

Throughout the 1978 season, David "Skywalker" Thompson and George "The Iceman" Gervin were in a near-tie for the NBA scoring title. During the final game of the season, Thompson posted 73 points to pull away from Gervin and take the NBA title.

NOTABLE FIGURE

David Thompson (1975–1982)

David Thompson spent his short-lived career with the Denver Nuggets; he shone brightly for six years. There he posted amazing numbers and was part of one of Denver's most memorable eras.

People often compare his talent and vertical to that of Dr. J's. Not a soft comparison by any means.

2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
44	38	.461	.325	.744	11.0	30.3	41.3	23.4	8.5	5.6	14.8	22.7	100.3

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2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Marcus Camby
Power Forward	Kenyon Martin
Small Forward	Carmelo Anthony
Shooting Guard	Julius Hodge
Point Guard	Andre Miller

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Carmelo Anthony	Small Forward	86
Kenyon Martin	Power Forward	84
Marcus Camby	Center	78
Earl Boykins	Point Guard	75
Andre Miller	Point Guard	74
Nenê	Center	73
Ruben Patterson	Small Forward	69
Julius Hodge	Shooting Guard	66
Linas Kleiza	Power Forward	65
Howard Eisley	Point Guard	65
Eduardo Najera	Power Forward	64
Francisco Elson	Power Forward	63

PLAYING AS

Most of your points are going to be scored by Carmelo Anthony. The loss of Voshon Lenard leaves the Nuggets without a real three-point threat and depletes the shooting options.

However, Martin and Patterson's dunk ratings offer a great way to vary your scoring from the field. Use Camby and Martin to defend the lane.

PLAYING AGAINST

Double up on Carmelo to slow down the main cog in the Nuggets offense. By limiting Martin's inside shooting, you can also limit their options. Wear down the defense with a perimeter game.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Kenyon Martin	Power
Carmelo Anthony	Outside Scorer
Andre Miller	Playmaker

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Marcus Camby	Power
Carmelo Anthony	Inside Scorer







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Marcus Camby	Center	59	0	72	78	74	68	40
Kenyon Martin	Power Forward	63	36	66	83	75	77	36
Carmelo Anthony	Small Forward	80	70	79	85	84	93	55
Julius Hodge	Shooting Guard	70	59	68	63	57	52	53
Andre Miller	Point Guard	68	34	73	5	60	80	84
Earl Boykins	Point Guard	66	66	87	0	49	77	84
Eduardo Najera	Power Forward	47	37	63	10	63	56	26
Ruben Patterson	Small Forward	58	14	59	79	49	78	33
Francisco Elson	Power Forward	44	11	56	69	69	49	16
Howard Eisley	Point Guard	64	55	79	0	52	54	84
Linas Kleiza	Power Forward	53	41	70	40	47	55	42
Nenê	Center	59	0	66	75	75	76	30

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Marcus Camby	Center	63	90	87	60	62
Kenyon Martin	Power Forward	61	73	80	60	73
Carmelo Anthony	Small Forward	46	18	60	70	72
Julius Hodge	Shooting Guard	44	22	44	66	69
Andre Miller	Point Guard	76	11	74	80	80
Earl Boykins	Point Guard	65	7	75	99	99
Eduardo Najera	Power Forward	62	32	64	68	62
Ruben Patterson	Small Forward	84	16	76	67	67
Francisco Elson	Power Forward	65	70	54	53	55
Howard Eisley	Point Guard	57	9	70	67	79
Linas Kleiza	Power Forward	35	17	42	55	55
Nenê	Center	68	62	47	61	60

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Marcus Camby	Center	55	89	59	66
Kenyon Martin	Power Forward	51	80	85	80
Carmelo Anthony	Small Forward	43	77	80	77
Julius Hodge	Shooting Guard	29	46	57	28
Andre Miller	Point Guard	28	43	30	62
Earl Boykins	Point Guard	12	25	50	50
Eduardo Najera	Power Forward	68	63	45	67
Ruben Patterson	Small Forward	51	39	73	64
Francisco Elson	Power Forward	51	73	40	61
Howard Eisley	Point Guard	8	26	40	43
Linas Kleiza	Power Forward	34	42	40	63
Nenê	Center	63	77	70	76

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Marcus Camby	Center	59	66	60	62	46	70	35	39
Kenyon Martin	Power Forward	85	80	60	73	45	70	80	59
Carmelo Anthony	Small Forward	80	77	70	72	80	75	80	89
Julius Hodge	Shooting Guard	57	28	66	69	82	50	70	22
Andre Miller	Point Guard	30	62	80	80	83	77	88	98
Earl Boykins	Point Guard	50	50	99	99	85	62	80	39
Eduardo Najera	Power Forward	45	67	68	62	59	50	64	39
Ruben Patterson	Small Forward	73	64	67	67	61	62	59	39
Francisco Elson	Power Forward	40	61	53	55	36	50	53	39
Howard Eisley	Point Guard	40	43	67	79	78	50	92	79
Linas Kleiza	Power Forward	40	63	55	55	45	50	65	15
Nenê	Center	70	76	61	60	40	52	55	70

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DETROIT PISTONS





Then...

The Detroit Pistons originally were the Fort Wayne Pistons in Indiana. From 1941 to 1957, the team was an NBL team. In 1958, the team became a part of the NBA and moved to Detroit.

There the Pistons completed their first year in a new town by finishing in second place. Though they made it to the finals, they lost to the St. Louis Hawks—not a bad start for a new team in a new town.

Now...

Today's Pistons became the picture of hard work, passion, and gritty gameplay after tumbling the Los Angeles Lakers' dynasty to win the NBA Championship in 2004. Led by Chauncey Billups and a pair of Wallaces, the Detroit Pistons became the prototype for the blue-collar offense, where games are won with passion and heart, not multimillion-dollar contracts and elite superstars.

HEAD COACH

>>> PHIL "FLIP" SAUNDERS <<<

Coach Saunders is no stranger to playoff-level gameplay. Before coming to Detroit in 2005, Flip led the Minnesota Timberwolves to eight consecutive playoff appearances in a little over nine years. After joining the Detroit Pistons he led the team to an impressive 64–18 record in only his first year.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> 2004 NBA FINALS <<<

The Pistons finished the 2003–2004 regular season with a 54–28 record—impressive, but not overwhelming. What *was* overwhelming was the Detroit Pistons' passionate play in the post-season.

After rallying past a talented Bucks squad and the favored Pacers, they took on and almost swept the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA Finals. After making the playoffs 11 times since their last championship, they finally went all the way.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Bill Laimbeer (1982–1994)

During Bill Laimbeer's 12 years with the Pistons, he became one of the most feared men on hardwood. Earning such nicknames as "the Prince of Darkness," "His Heinous," and the like, he seemed to feed off the boos and jeers.

His legacy is much more than just redefining the "bad boy" tag. He helped the Pistons win the NBA trophy two years in a row (1989 and 1990).

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
64	18	.455	.384	.727	11.9	28.6	40.5	24.0	7.1	6.0	11.4	18.5	96.8

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Nazr Mohammed
Power Forward	Rasheed Wallace
Small Forward	Tayshaun Prince
Shooting Guard	Richard Hamilton
Point Guard	Chauncey Billups

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Rasheed Wallace	Power Forward	87
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	84
Tayshaun Prince	Small Forward	80
Richard Hamilton	Shooting Guard	79
Antonio McDyess	Power Forward	71
Dale Davis	Center	70
Ronald Murray	Point Guard	69
Nazr Mohammed	Center	67
Carlos Delfino	Shooting Guard	62
Jason Maxiell	Power Forward	60

PLAYING AS



They may have lost Ben Wallace, but the Pistons still have Rasheed Wallace, Chauncey Billups, and Tayshaun Prince to run the court. The team is remarkably balanced with both interior and outside threats.

Pound the competition by using all players almost equally and keep the defense guessing.

PLAYING AGAINST



Play a balanced defense against the Pistons. The absence of Ben Wallace has left a soft center, so attack the interior and put pressure on their interior game.

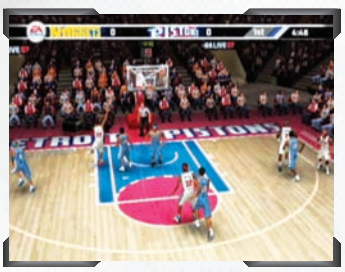
STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Rasheed Wallace	Outside Scorer, Power
Tayshaun Prince	Inside Stopper
Richard Hamilton	Outside Scorer
Chauncey Billups	Outside Scorer, Playmaker, Shooter

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Rasheed Wallace	Inside Stopper
Chauncey Billups	Outside Stopper







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NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Nazr Mohammed	Center	52	0	67	58	72	72	8
Rasheed Wallace	Power Forward	77	70	74	82	84	80	40
Tayshaun Prince	Small Forward	75	70	77	74	65	70	31
Richard Hamilton	Shooting Guard	78	72	84	69	60	81	55
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	80	81	89	35	55	82	80
Antonio McDyess	Power Forward	62	0	65	60	74	78	18
Ronald Murray	Point Guard	69	59	73	49	53	73	35
Dale Davis	Center	44	0	60	69	81	41	16
Carlos Delfino	Shooting Guard	60	65	57	10	44	60	39
Jason Maxiell	Power Forward	33	0	65	50	65	35	35

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Nazr Mohammed	Center	54	72	45	50	45
Rasheed Wallace	Power Forward	41	77	85	61	63
Tayshaun Prince	Small Forward	33	75	81	68	67
Richard Hamilton	Shooting Guard	49	2	68	84	80
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	82	1	83	86	80
Antonio McDyess	Power Forward	46	35	64	70	70
Ronald Murray	Point Guard	62	19	66	80	83
Dale Davis	Center	44	66	74	53	56
Carlos Delfino	Shooting Guard	82	19	58	70	72
Jason Maxiell	Power Forward	27	70	60	55	55

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Nazr Mohammed	Center	84	79	40	73
Rasheed Wallace	Power Forward	51	82	70	81
Tayshaun Prince	Small Forward	35	76	75	54
Richard Hamilton	Shooting Guard	19	39	62	44
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	12	40	65	65
Antonio McDyess	Power Forward	74	78	85	71
Ronald Murray	Point Guard	12	49	57	47
Dale Davis	Center	80	78	50	72
Carlos Delfino	Shooting Guard	22	47	25	68
Jason Maxiell	Power Forward	46	54	70	76

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Nazr Mohammed	Center	40	73	50	45	24	64	60	59
Rasheed Wallace	Power Forward	70	81	61	63	39	79	81	59
Tayshaun Prince	Small Forward	75	54	68	67	60	81	70	59
Richard Hamilton	Shooting Guard	62	44	84	80	80	90	90	91
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	65	65	86	80	86	85	84	81
Antonio McDyess	Power Forward	85	71	70	70	35	56	50	59
Ronald Murray	Point Guard	57	47	80	83	68	50	70	59
Dale Davis	Center	50	72	53	56	27	54	91	59
Carlos Delfino	Shooting Guard	25	68	70	72	63	50	59	59
Jason Maxiell	Power Forward	70	76	55	55	21	50	70	5

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GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS





Then...

Prior to being the Golden State Warriors, they were the Philadelphia Warriors. From 1946 to 1962, the Philadelphia Warriors had an impressive history, winning two championships: in 1947 and again in 1956.

After moving to San Francisco and becoming the San Francisco Warriors, they struggled for a bit before crossing the bridge to the Oakland area, where they became the Golden State Warriors in 1971.

Now...

The Golden State Warriors have suffered through a near-forgettable two and half decades of trials and tribulations. After securing Baron Davis, however, they saw a marked improvement on the offense and hope to create an upward swing in the number displayed in their wins column.

With players like Jason Richardson and Baron Davis, the Golden State Warriors have a great foundation laid toward building a formidable franchise.

HEAD COACH

>>> MIKE MONTGOMERY <<<

Mike Montgomery joined the Golden State Warriors in 2004, leaving behind an extremely successful career as Stanford's head coach, where he was honored with the Pac-10 Coach of the Year award four times.

During his first two seasons as the Warriors' head coach he posted identical 34–48 records, leaving the Warriors in the best possible place to improve.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> 1975 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES <<<

By 1975, the Golden State Warriors had become accustomed to seeing the number two next to their title. However, after reaching the NBA Finals in 1975, they were determined to take the crown for themselves instead of watching another team walk away champions.

During the finals, they rallied to sweep the Washington Bullets in four games, with two wins decided by one point.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Nate Thurmond (1963–1974)

Playing opposite Wilt the Stilt couldn't have been easy on Nate's ego. However, he managed to become one of the best rebounders the Warriors had ever seen. During the 1967–1968 seasons, Thurmond averaged 21.5 rebounds per game!

His eight consecutive seasons with 1,000 or more rebounds ensured his enshrinement into the NBA Hall of Fame. His is one of five retired Warriors numbers.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
34	48	.433	.341	.718	12.0	30.3	42.3	20.7	7.4	4.4	14.1	23.7	98.5

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Adonal Foyle
Power Forward	Troy Murphy
Small Forward	Mickael Pietrus
Shooting Guard	Jason Richardson
Point Guard	Baron Davis

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Baron Davis	Point Guard	88
Jason Richardson	Shooting Guard	86
Mike Dunleavy	Shooting Forward	74
Troy Murphy	Power Forward	73
Devin Brown	Point Guard	71
Ike Diogu	Power Forward	71
Mickael Pietrus	Shooting Guard	70
Andris Biedrins	Center	67
Zarko Cabarkapa	Power Forward	66
Andre Owens	Shooting Guard	66
Adonal Foyle	Center	63
Keith McLeod	Point Guard	63
Monta Ellis	Shooting Guard	61
Patrick O'Bryant	Center	61
Chris Taft	Power Forward	54

PLAYING AS



Run your plays through Baron Davis. His exceptional playmaking abilities are a perfect complement to Richardson's outside shooting and high-flying capabilities.

Use Foyle and Davis as the backbone to your defense and switch according to your opponent's offensive style.

PLAYING AGAINST



Baron Davis is no longer the Warriors' only defensive threat. Foyle is a good inside stopper, but he's still a better target to pick on than Davis on the outside. Drive the lane and pressure the Warriors' weakest link.

While on defense, watch for Davis and Richardson's combined effort. Between the two of them they have enough talent to dunk, score outside, and create enough scoring opportunities to keep you on your feet. We suggest doubling up on Davis and watching Richardson when he's outside the line.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

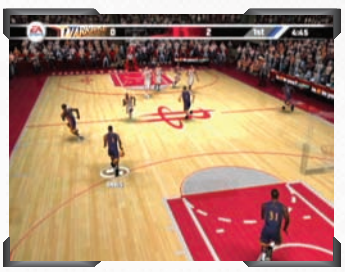
PLAYER	TYPE
Adonal Foyle	Inside Stopper
Baron Davis	Highflyer, Outside Scorer

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Jason Richardson	Highflyer, Outside Scorer
Baron Davis	Playmaker, Outside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Adonal Foyle	Center	45	0	61	60	55	43	15
Troy Murphy	Power Forward	64	66	79	62	71	76	19
Mickael Pietrus	Shooting Guard	60	74	61	79	45	77	29
Jason Richardson	Shooting Guard	80	75	67	94	53	89	50
Baron Davis	Point Guard	80	73	68	82	56	80	92
Devin Brown	Point Guard	58	70	79	72	62	75	36
Mike Dunleavy	Shooting Forward	76	76	78	52	52	73	68
Ike Diogu	Power Forward	51	15	81	70	71	59	30
Andris Biedrins	Center	51	0	40	65	55	54	14
Patrick O'Bryant	Center	55	1	68	71	61	20	11
Keith McLeod	Point Guard	68	50	76	0	36	57	83
Monta Ellis	Shooting Guard	61	63	71	70	30	48	55
Zarko Cabarkapa	Power Forward	66	65	72	61	47	79	25
Chris Taft	Power Forward	49	0	58	45	61	40	22
Andre Owens	Shooting Guard	63	61	75	56	54	61	35

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Adonal Foyle	Center	27	83	77	51	55
Troy Murphy	Power Forward	40	21	44	50	62
Mickael Pietrus	Shooting Guard	57	21	50	62	71
Jason Richardson	Shooting Guard	80	18	72	86	82
Baron Davis	Point Guard	84	13	85	91	88
Devin Brown	Point Guard	57	14	52	67	72
Mike Dunleavy	Shooting Forward	56	16	50	52	63
Ike Diogu	Power Forward	29	70	59	51	60
Andris Biedrins	Center	56	82	65	56	59
Patrick O'Bryant	Center	13	70	56	59	60
Keith McLeod	Point Guard	80	12	60	70	65
Monta Ellis	Shooting Guard	51	4	34	73	77
Zarko Cabarkapa	Power Forward	38	16	31	63	63
Chris Taft	Power Forward	19	42	40	55	64
Andre Owens	Shooting Guard	49	8	53	67	70

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Adonal Foyle	Center	73	75	40	81
Troy Murphy	Power Forward	73	88	45	68
Mickael Pietrus	Shooting Guard	39	49	80	56
Jason Richardson	Shooting Guard	36	57	97	65
Baron Davis	Point Guard	18	49	85	75
Devin Brown	Point Guard	23	58	64	73
Mike Dunleavy	Shooting Forward	44	68	44	57
Ike Diogu	Power Forward	55	60	60	70
Andris Biedrins	Center	76	82	50	63
Patrick O'Bryant	Center	43	67	62	70
Keith McLeod	Point Guard	11	35	35	50
Monta Ellis	Shooting Guard	12	18	55	31
Zarko Cabarkapa	Power Forward	58	71	59	62
Chris Taft	Power Forward	45	50	50	63
Andre Owens	Shooting Guard	48	52	63	45

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Adonal Foyle	Center	40	81	51	55	18	61	45	39
Troy Murphy	Power Forward	45	68	50	62	58	73	60	39
Mickael Pietrus	Shooting Guard	80	56	62	71	60	70	50	24
Jason Richardson	Shooting Guard	97	65	86	82	85	80	53	75
Baron Davis	Point Guard	85	75	91	88	90	69	55	65
Devin Brown	Point Guard	64	73	67	72	70	50	60	39
Mike Dunleavy	Shooting Forward	44	57	52	63	69	69	75	85
Ike Diogu	Power Forward	60	70	51	60	49	75	75	22
Andris Biedrins	Center	50	63	56	59	38	50	70	40
Patrick O'Bryant	Center	62	70	59	60	22	66	65	7
Keith McLeod	Point Guard	35	50	70	65	65	56	70	79
Monta Ellis	Shooting Guard	55	31	73	77	72	50	65	10
Zarko Cabarkapa	Power Forward	59	62	63	63	51	50	50	39
Chris Taft	Power Forward	50	63	55	64	41	50	70	10
Andre Owens	Shooting Guard	63	45	67	70	67	50	61	37

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HOUSTON ROCKETS





Then...

Born in 1967, the Rockets began in San Diego, California. Along with a Seattle franchise, San Diego was the second team to get an expansion team in 1967 as the NBA continued to grow.

Named after the rockets that were produced for NASA in San Diego, the team was able to keep its name when it moved to Houston, home of NASA, in 1971.

Now...

Houston has benefited a great deal in recent years. After landing NBA behemoth Yao Ming, the team was able to secure young Tracy McGrady to complement the powerful international superstar.

The team is stacked with talent but has not entirely lived up to its potential, losing playoffs in 2004 and 2005. In 2006, they fell short of the playoffs. Should they get McGrady, Ming, Howard, and Alston's talents in concert, they will make an unstoppable team.

HEAD COACH

>>> JEFF VAN GUNDY <<<

When Jeff Van Gundy arrived in Houston he revamped the Rockets' defensive scheme, turning it into a defense to be contended with. Prior to taking the helm in Houston, Van Gundy enjoyed six years in New York with every year topping the .500 mark.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> 1994 CHAMPIONSHIP <<<

The Houston Rockets' first NBA Championship came in 1994. Though it was their first title in franchise history, it almost came as no surprise; the team won the first 15 games of the season, setting an NBA record for wins to start a season.

After enjoying a 22–1 run, the team finished the season with a 58–24 record. The most memorable moment came when Hakeem Olajuwon finished the series with 25 points scored in the final game of the NBA Finals.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Hakeem Olajuwon (1984–2001)

A Houston Rockets legend, Hakeem Olajuwon not only led the team to back-to-back championships in 1994 and 1995, he earned NBA MVP honors, Defensive Player of the Year, and NBA Finals MVP all in the same year!

Particularly interesting is Hakeem's name. Though he was often called Hakeem "the Dream" Olajuwon, his last name *means* "always being on top." Not bad for a player whose stature and talent always placed him above the rest.

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34	48	.433	.332	.759	10.4	31.3	41.6	19.3	7.2	3.9	14.6	22.7	90.1

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Yao Ming
Power Forward	Juwan Howard
Small Forward	Shane Battier
Shooting Guard	Tracy McGrady
Point Guard	Rafer Alston

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Tracy McGrady	Shooting Guard	93
Yao Ming	Center	88
Shane Battier	Small Forward	75
Rafer Alston	Point Guard	72
Bob Sura	Shooting Guard	72
Juwan Howard	Power Forward	69
Kirk Snyder	Shooting Guard	69
Dikembe Mutombo	Center	67
Luther Head	Shooting Guard	66
Maciej Lampe	Shooting Guard	66
Chuck Hayes	Power Forward	62
Ryan Bowen	Small Forward	56

PLAYING AS

It's hard to ignore the talent behind Yao Ming. His impressive stature makes him a tempting target when you're flowing your offense inside.

Otherwise, dish the ball to McGrady for the majority of your scoring. McGrady is stacked with potential. Aside from his Superstar abilities (highflyer, inside scorer, outside scorer, and outside stopper), he is endowed with a few Star abilities (shooter and playmaker). Make good use of him; he is your offensive powerhouse on this team.

PLAYING AGAINST

Shut down McGrady! And while you're at it, double up on Yao Ming when he is in scoring position. While on offense, stay clear of Ming and try to score as much from the outside as possible. The Rockets are stacked when it comes to defensive stoppers.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Shane Battier	Outside Stopper
Tracy McGrady	Playmaker, Shooter
Rafer Alston	Playmaker

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Yao Ming	Inside Scorer, Inside Stopper
Tracy McGrady	Highflyer, Inside Scorer, Outside Scorer, Outside Stopper
Dikembe Mutombo	Inside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Yao Ming	Center	82	50	78	60	87	87	69
Juwan Howard	Power Forward	63	0	80	73	79	68	28
Shane Battier	Small Forward	70	67	70	56	57	65	23
Tracy McGrady	Shooting Guard	86	80	80	93	80	91	80
Rafer Alston	Point Guard	71	72	69	12	33	81	83
Kirk Snyder	Shooting Guard	34	67	66	68	65	70	18
Chuck Hayes	Power Forward	45	21	63	61	47	54	33
Dikembe Mutombo	Center	59	0	75	55	79	49	2
Luther Head	Shooting Guard	69	70	77	60	45	60	67
Maciej Lampe	Shooting Guard	60	11	68	59	60	57	14
Ryan Bowen	Small Forward	52	33	66	45	65	35	14
Bob Sura	Shooting Guard	62	65	75	40	46	62	82

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Yao Ming	Center	24	89	82	55	58
Juwan Howard	Power Forward	35	3	66	61	64
Shane Battier	Small Forward	70	48	75	75	68
Tracy McGrady	Shooting Guard	81	25	82	85	85
Rafer Alston	Point Guard	74	10	53	84	85
Kirk Snyder	Shooting Guard	51	32	61	62	67
Chuck Hayes	Power Forward	12	34	61	59	61
Dikembe Mutombo	Center	24	85	88	48	48
Luther Head	Shooting Guard	42	30	50	60	75
Maciej Lampe	Shooting Guard	24	28	39	60	64
Ryan Bowen	Small Forward	68	12	73	60	63
Bob Sura	Shooting Guard	60	5	59	77	73

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Yao Ming	Center	68	82	40	86
Juwan Howard	Power Forward	63	70	60	63
Shane Battier	Small Forward	50	53	60	58
Tracy McGrady	Shooting Guard	16	68	90	50
Rafer Alston	Point Guard	13	46	40	40
Kirk Snyder	Shooting Guard	43	40	71	65
Chuck Hayes	Power Forward	58	67	64	69
Dikembe Mutombo	Center	82	80	35	74
Luther Head	Shooting Guard	21	24	40	45
Maciej Lampe	Shooting Guard	50	79	55	65
Ryan Bowen	Small Forward	28	47	65	57
Bob Sura	Shooting Guard	32	70	55	51

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Yao Ming	Center	40	86	55	58	55	83	90	39
Juwan Howard	Power Forward	60	63	61	64	49	65	78	59
Shane Battier	Small Forward	60	58	75	68	60	71	69	59
Tracy McGrady	Shooting Guard	90	50	85	85	83	86	70	90
Rafer Alston	Point Guard	40	40	84	85	87	75	66	39
Kirk Snyder	Shooting Guard	71	65	62	67	55	70	80	35
Chuck Hayes	Power Forward	64	69	59	61	45	59	44	11
Dikembe Mutombo	Center	35	74	48	48	31	50	55	65
Luther Head	Shooting Guard	40	45	60	75	60	50	75	25
Maciej Lampe	Shooting Guard	55	65	60	64	50	50	60	82
Ryan Bowen	Small Forward	65	57	60	63	42	50	50	39
Bob Sura	Shooting Guard	55	51	77	73	70	67	60	59

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INDIANA PACERS





Then...

The Indiana Pacers originated in 1967. After the Fort Wayne Pistons moved away, the Indiana Pacers would become Indiana's third professional basketball team. They existed as the ABA's Indiana Pacers until they joined the NBA in 1976. It wasn't until the 1990s that the Pacers began to enjoy an era of success.

Now...

After losing Reggie Miller, then Ron Artest, and now Peja Stojakovich, the Indiana Pacers are left with a team depleted of consistent scoring superstars. Luckily, they still have dependable Jermaine O'Neal on which to build a team.

HEAD COACH

>>> RICK CARLISLE <<<

Hand-picked by the president of Pacers' operations, Larry Bird, Rick Carlisle was a great choice. In his first year as head coach, Carlisle led the team to an NBA-best 61–21 record, a franchise record.

At his previous job as head coach in Detroit, Carlisle put up an impressive .610 record. During his first three years as the Pacers' head coach, he has not dipped below the .500 mark.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> EIGHT POINTS IN EIGHT SECONDS <<<

During the first game of the 1995 Eastern Conference semifinals, the Pacers were down by four points. The seconds ticked away as the final quarter of the game wound down.

Reggie Miller, however, was not done. In an amazing display of athleticism, Miller sank two three-pointers and made another two in less than nine seconds. The end result was a 107–105 Pacers victory.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Reggie Miller (1987–2005)

Reggie Miller joined the Pacers in 1987 and stayed throughout the length of his career. The Pacers' frontman became a thoroughly feared shooter from the outside and struck fear into the hearts of Knicks fans everywhere after the 1995 Eastern Conference semifinals.

At the time of his retirement, Miller had amassed 25,279 points, averaging 18.2 points per game while shooting .888 from the free-throw line.

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41	41	.443	.342	.748	8.3	29.0	37.3	17.8	6.0	4.5	15.8	24.8	89.3

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Jeff Foster
Power Forward	Jermaine O'Neal
Small Forward	Danny Granger
Shooting Guard	Stephen Jackson
Point Guard	Anthony Johnson

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Jermaine O'Neal	Power Forward	85
Danny Granger	Small Forward	76
Stephen Jackson	Shooting Guard	74
Jamaal Tinsley	Point Guard	73
Anthony Johnson	Point Guard	72
Fred Jones	Shooting Guard	71
Sarunas Jasikevicius	Point Guard	68
Marquis Daniels	Center	64
James White	Small Forward	64
Jeff Foster	Center	65
Shawne Williams	Shooting Guard	65

PLAYING AS



Try not to rely too much on O'Neal. He may seem like your only legitimate threat on offense, but Jones's dunking ability can add more than its fair share of points to the board.

As luck may have it, O'Neal is also your most prominent defensive stopper. Use him on the inside and force your opponents to play a perimeter game.

PLAYING AGAINST



Because the Pacers have limited scoring threats, keep their shooter at bay by forcing him to play from the perimeter. Watch the lane for Jones's high-flying antics and limit O'Neal's shots to low-percentage shots from outside the arch.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Jermaine O'Neal	Power
Fred Jones	Highflyer

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Jermaine O'Neal	Inside Scorer, Inside Stopper







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NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Jeff Foster	Center	51	0	67	61	55	51	15
Jermaine O'Neal	Power Forward	80	10	70	85	90	89	45
Danny Granger	Small Forward	60	64	77	74	65	65	44
Anthony Johnson	Point Guard	70	64	75	45	43	66	84
Jamaal Tinsley	Point Guard	54	72	63	0	47	74	87
Sarunas Jasikevicius	Point Guard	70	72	91	5	43	68	70
James White	Small Forward	57	53	81	80	49	35	27
Fred Jones	Shooting Guard	51	69	81	85	35	68	42
Marquis Daniels	Center	65	41	75	65	55	70	43
Shawne Williams	Shooting Guard	65	64	78	66	60	60	23

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Jeff Foster	Center	52	22	55	49	51
Jermaine O'Neal	Power Forward	28	83	82	59	60
Danny Granger	Small Forward	50	55	67	65	69
Anthony Johnson	Point Guard	60	12	68	74	74
Jamaal Tinsley	Point Guard	73	14	74	85	81
Sarunas Jasikevicius	Point Guard	60	5	30	70	75
James White	Small Forward	33	10	64	77	70
Fred Jones	Shooting Guard	48	21	50	65	75
Marquis Daniels	Center	70	14	71	70	74
Shawne Williams	Shooting Guard	27	19	55	65	73

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Jeff Foster	Center	84	89	50	69
Jermaine O'Neal	Power Forward	44	85	75	91
Danny Granger	Small Forward	44	67	50	60
Anthony Johnson	Point Guard	14	43	40	65
Jamaal Tinsley	Point Guard	15	54	50	51
Sarunas Jasikevicius	Point Guard	42	50	35	64
James White	Small Forward	11	57	90	30
Fred Jones	Shooting Guard	11	47	90	68
Marquis Daniels	Center	49	47	60	50
Shawne Williams	Shooting Guard	34	43	73	60

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Jeff Foster	Center	50	69	49	51	30	63	85	39
Jermaine O'Neal	Power Forward	75	91	59	60	44	80	85	79
Danny Granger	Small Forward	50	60	65	69	62	70	65	20
Anthony Johnson	Point Guard	40	65	74	74	73	70	69	59
Jamaal Tinsley	Point Guard	50	51	85	81	80	64	75	39
Sarunas Jasikevicius	Point Guard	35	64	70	75	75	60	70	50
James White	Small Forward	90	30	77	70	60	73	41	11
Fred Jones	Shooting Guard	90	68	65	75	66	66	70	24
Marquis Daniels	Center	60	50	70	74	67	80	50	59
Shawne Williams	Shooting Guard	73	60	65	73	60	64	32	11

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LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS





Then...

Believe it or not, the Los Angeles Clippers began as the Buffalo Braves in 1971. Composed of a motley crew of players, the Braves made playoff appearances in 1974, 1975, and 1976.

After relocating to San Diego in 1978, they took the name Clippers, perhaps due to the clipper ships seen in the San Diego bay. Finally, in 1984, they made the move to Los Angeles, where they became Los Angeles's lesser-known franchise.

Now...

Oh, how things have changed! Los Angeles's lesser-known franchise is now, statistically, a better team than its dynastic big brother, the Los Angeles Lakers.

Though they haven't won any NBA championships, they did make their first playoff appearance in 10 years. They fell to the Phoenix Suns in the conference semifinals, but not before they shone brighter than their larger-than-life Los Angeles counterparts.

HEAD COACH

>>> MIKE DUNLEAVY SR. <<<

The Los Angeles Clippers' newest head coach has been at the helm for three years now. In that time he has improved his record from a first-year .341 to last year's playoff-worthy .573.

He has shown consistent signs of improvement and no signs of slowing down. Dunleavy Sr. is no stranger to the Los Angeles area; his first head coaching job in the NBA was for the Los Angeles Lakers.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> MANNING GOES DOWN! <<<

After lucking out and drawing the number one pick in the 1988 NBA draft, the Clippers selected a talented 6'10" center named Danny Manning.

Their hopes and dreams for the 1988–1989 season rested on Manning's contributions, and for a brief period it looked like he would deliver. That is, until he suffered an injury 26 games into the season and was out for the remainder of the schedule.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Randy Smith (1972–1982)

During his 10-year tenure as a formative figure in the Buffalo Braves-turned-San Diego Clippers franchise, he set the record for most consecutive games played, with 906.

Though Smith was known for his tough defensive play, he was no stranger to putting points up on the board. During the 1982 NBA All-Star game, he posted 27 points in a few short minutes of gameplay. He took MVP honors for his performance.

NOTE

Smith's record has since been broken by A.C. Green.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
47	35	.465	.344	.791	10.1	33.0	43.1	20.8	6.5	6.1	14.4	22.8	97.2

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Chris Kaman
Power Forward	Elton Brand
Small Forward	Corey Maggette
Shooting Guard	Cuttino Mobley
Point Guard	Sam Cassell

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Elton Brand	Power Forward	90
Corey Maggette	Small Forward	83
Chris Kaman	Center	75
Shaun Livingston	Point Guard	73
Sam Cassell	Point Guard	72
Cuttino Mobley	Shooting Guard	72
Tim Thomas	Small Forward	70
Zeljko Rebraca	Center	65
Quinton Ross	Small Forward	65
James Singleton	Power Forward	64
Vin Baker	Power Forward	59
Paul Davis	Power Forward	59
Daniel Ewing	Point Guard	59

PLAYING AS

Elton Brand is back for another year with the Clippers, so that means that you can continue to rely on him for interior play, both offensively and defensively.

Run your plays through Shaun Livingston, and flow some outside shooting through Cuttino Mobley and Corey Maggette to keep the defense spread.

PLAYING AGAINST

Brand is the Clippers' only real defensive stopper; avoid him on the inside and concentrate on a balanced offense to continuously keep pressure on.

On defense, take Brand out of the equation by stifling him with stiff Man-to-Man defense. He isn't a particularly exceptional outside scorer, so keep him on the perimeter.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

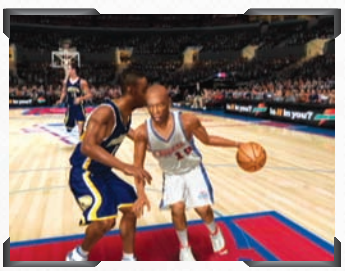
STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Chris Kaman	Inside Stopper
Elton Brand	Power
Corey Maggette	Highflyer, Inside Scorer
Cuttino Mobley	Shooter
Shaun Livingston	Playmaker

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Elton Brand	Inside Scorer, Inside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Chris Kaman	Center	55	0	77	75	65	67	21
Elton Brand	Power Forward	82	0	77	85	88	88	63
Corey Maggette	Small Forward	75	66	82	85	75	82	54
Cuttino Mobley	Shooting Guard	80	80	83	65	42	77	37
Sam Cassell	Point Guard	75	75	86	0	55	80	80
Shaun Livingston	Point Guard	55	45	68	60	56	80	80
Tim Thomas	Small Forward	72	75	66	75	75	75	26
James Singleton	Power Forward	53	0	78	69	72	58	24
Zeljko Rebraca	Center	55	0	75	72	68	68	12
Daniel Ewing	Point Guard	53	60	78	40	44	49	49
Quinton Ross	Small Forward	46	20	76	40	47	44	30
Paul Davis	Power Forward	59	50	87	59	65	60	22
Vin Baker	Power Forward	59	0	72	58	73	32	23

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Chris Kaman	Center	28	75	75	57	59
Elton Brand	Power Forward	36	85	85	60	61
Corey Maggette	Small Forward	52	3	54	74	81
Cuttino Mobley	Shooting Guard	56	19	65	83	83
Sam Cassell	Point Guard	43	14	72	80	70
Shaun Livingston	Point Guard	72	21	58	80	81
Tim Thomas	Small Forward	38	12	48	64	62
James Singleton	Power Forward	28	58	53	51	55
Zeljko Rebraca	Center	25	68	47	42	47
Daniel Ewing	Point Guard	42	17	41	63	68
Quinton Ross	Small Forward	66	19	88	70	69
Paul Davis	Power Forward	16	20	54	51	59
Vin Baker	Power Forward	17	30	50	52	55

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Chris Kaman	Center	75	75	65	79
Elton Brand	Power Forward	74	87	74	85
Corey Maggette	Small Forward	22	70	87	67
Cuttino Mobley	Shooting Guard	14	40	75	62
Sam Cassell	Point Guard	12	44	50	52
Shaun Livingston	Point Guard	21	43	60	33
Tim Thomas	Small Forward	18	51	77	67
James Singleton	Power Forward	64	68	53	60
Zeljko Rebraca	Center	42	72	60	73
Daniel Ewing	Point Guard	11	19	45	42
Quinton Ross	Small Forward	28	57	65	55
Paul Davis	Power Forward	34	59	45	59
Vin Baker	Power Forward	67	56	40	71

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Chris Kaman	Center	65	79	57	59	55	70	59	45
Elton Brand	Power Forward	74	85	60	61	61	81	80	89
Corey Maggette	Small Forward	87	67	74	81	80	77	82	59
Cuttino Mobley	Shooting Guard	75	62	83	83	71	76	72	39
Sam Cassell	Point Guard	50	52	80	70	79	69	78	97
Shaun Livingston	Point Guard	60	33	80	81	80	63	60	25
Tim Thomas	Small Forward	77	67	64	62	59	62	65	39
James Singleton	Power Forward	53	60	51	55	36	50	55	57
Zeljko Rebraca	Center	60	73	42	47	28	50	87	39
Daniel Ewing	Point Guard	45	42	63	68	71	65	70	10
Quinton Ross	Small Forward	65	55	70	69	60	72	71	35
Paul Davis	Power Forward	45	59	51	59	21	64	39	21
Vin Baker	Power Forward	40	71	52	55	49	50	55	39

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LOS ANGELES LAKERS





Then...

Much to the chagrin of die-hard Lakers fans, the truth is that the Lakers were not always from Los Angeles. Formerly known as the Minneapolis Lakers between 1947 and 1960, the team eventually made the move to Los Angeles in 1961.

There they established themselves as a dominant force in the NBA, with six championships between 1972 and 1988. The Los Angeles Lakers team has been home to some of the NBA's most legendary players, such as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson, Wilt Chamberlain, Elgin Baylor, and Jerry West, to name a few.

Now...

The Lakers of the modern era have done very little to lose their dynasty tag. In the last six years alone they added another three championships to the growing list of accolades.

Aside from being home to future Hall-of-Famer Kobe Bryant, they continue to retain their mystique as one of the NBA's elite franchises.

HEAD COACH

>>> PHIL JACKSON <<<

After taking a year off from coaching, Phil Jackson returned to the Los Angeles Lakers in 2005. The man has about as legendary a career as a coach can accomplish in one lifetime.

He led the Chicago Bulls to six NBA titles and the Lakers to another three in his first tenure as Lakers head coach.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> THE FISH SAVES L.A. <<<

The Lakers enjoyed a game-winning shot that seemed to defy time itself; it's considered by many to be "the shot" of the modern era. During a back-and-forth tug of war between the Los Angeles Lakers and San Antonio Spurs during the 2003–2004 Western Conference semifinals, the game was all but won by a miraculous long-range basket by Tim Duncan with less than 11 seconds left.

With 0.4 seconds left in the game, and the Lakers down by two, Gary Payton inbounded the ball to Derek Fisher, who managed to grab the ball, jump, turn, and shoot before the 0.4 second had expired. The basket went in, putting an end to the Spurs' hopes.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Wilt Chamberlain (1968–1973)

There is a long-standing running debate as to who is the greatest NBA player of all time. More often than not Wilt Chamberlain comes out on top. And how could he not?

Wilt "the Stilt" topped the 50-point mark 118 times, led the Lakers on a

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
45	37	.453	.349	.745	11.8	30.3	42.2	21.1	7.7	4.3	13.9	23.1	99.4

NOTABLE FIGURE continued

33-game winning streak, averaged 50.4 points per game during the 1961–1962 season, and even holds the all-time rebound record with 23,924. Mind you, those aren't the only records he holds.

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Kwame Brown
Power Forward	Lamar Odom
Small Forward	Vladimir Radmanovic
Shooting Guard	Kobe Bryant
Point Guard	Smush Parker

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Kobe Bryant	Shooting Guard	97
Lamar Odom	Power Forward	85
Kwame Brown	Center	75
Smush Parker	Point Guard	73
Luke Walton	Small Forward	72
Vladimir Radmanovic	Small Forward	71
Brian Cook	Power Forward	70
Maurice Evans	Shooting Guard	69
Sasha Vujacic	Shooting Guard	68
Shammond Williams	Point Guard	68
Aaron McKie	Point Guard	67
Jordan Farmar	Point Guard	65
Chris Mihm	Center	64
Andrew Bynum	Center	61
Ronny Turiaf	Power Forward	59

PLAYING AS

The Los Angeles Lakers are a team with a lot of potential. Aside from Bryant and Odom, the other three starters (Brown, Radmanovic, and Parker) don't dip below the 70 overall stat mark.

Obviously, your game will revolve around Bryant's ability to score from anywhere on the court, but consider working the ball around.

PLAYING AGAINST

Pressure Kobe with stiff Double-Teams. If you force him to play *your* kind of ball, you essentially shut down the Lakers' offense.

While on offense, steer clear of Bryant and Odom. Work Brown away from the boards lest he burn you on offensive rebounds.

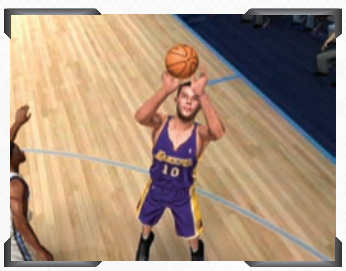
STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Lamar Odom	Inside Scorer
Vladimir Radmanovic	Shooter
Kobe Bryant	Shooter

SUPER STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Kobe Bryant	Highflyer, Inside Scorer, Outside Scorer, Playmaker, Outside Stopper





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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Kwame Brown	Center	60	0	54	80	74	51	21
Lamar Odom	Power Forward	75	70	69	71	80	80	70
Vladimir Radmanovic	Small Forward	80	80	80	59	54	78	25
Kobe Bryant	Shooting Guard	87	80	85	95	80	96	80
Smush Parker	Point Guard	60	62	69	75	49	66	65
Luke Walton	Small Forward	59	63	75	50	62	75	75
Chris Mihm	Center	45	0	71	58	65	75	12
Sasha Vujacic	Shooting Guard	41	71	88	34	56	67	64
Brian Cook	Power Forward	61	74	83	42	62	65	59
Ronny Turiaf	Power Forward	53	18	55	64	63	40	22
Andrew Bynum	Center	32	0	29	70	70	52	12
Jordan Farmar	Point Guard	65	64	76	33	44	60	70
Aaron McKie	Point Guard	72	58	76	10	49	25	44
Maurice Evans	Shooting Guard	48	0	53	58	63	45	17
Shammond Williams	Point Guard	76	68	75	0	40	64	74

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Kwame Brown	Center	49	59	73	70	67
Lamar Odom	Power Forward	27	40	65	68	74
Vladimir Radmanovic	Small Forward	57	28	47	64	63
Kobe Bryant	Shooting Guard	80	20	80	90	87
Smush Parker	Point Guard	65	10	61	75	79
Luke Walton	Small Forward	40	10	30	62	61
Chris Mihm	Center	12	74	54	40	47
Sasha Vujacic	Shooting Guard	57	11	53	70	73
Brian Cook	Power Forward	30	37	43	59	59
Ronny Turiaf	Power Forward	12	52	45	50	55
Andrew Bynum	Center	21	65	52	60	60
Jordan Farmar	Point Guard	44	1	60	80	76
Aaron McKie	Point Guard	78	23	74	65	78
Maurice Evans	Shooting Guard	54	9	50	65	73
Shammond Williams	Point Guard	65	4	60	80	83

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Kwame Brown	Center	77	81	71	69
Lamar Odom	Power Forward	69	90	72	69
Vladimir Radmanovic	Small Forward	24	68	75	63
Kobe Bryant	Shooting Guard	33	66	95	60
Smush Parker	Point Guard	15	40	79	40
Luke Walton	Small Forward	40	60	50	50
Chris Mihm	Center	76	76	50	78
Sasha Vujacic	Shooting Guard	25	64	55	44
Brian Cook	Power Forward	46	71	50	65
Ronny Turiaf	Power Forward	41	66	45	62
Andrew Bynum	Center	50	58	67	72
Jordan Farmar	Point Guard	12	19	75	34
Aaron McKie	Point Guard	14	70	50	57
Maurice Evans	Shooting Guard	57	47	81	63
Shammond Williams	Point Guard	10	35	65	59

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Kwame Brown	Center	71	69	70	67	48	70	60	15
Lamar Odom	Power Forward	72	69	68	74	75	69	52	72
Vladimir Radmanovic	Small Forward	75	63	64	63	60	64	39	39
Kobe Bryant	Shooting Guard	95	60	90	87	88	84	85	97
Smush Parker	Point Guard	79	40	75	79	72	70	50	20
Luke Walton	Small Forward	50	50	62	61	64	70	72	30
Chris Mihm	Center	50	78	40	47	33	58	45	19
Sasha Vujacic	Shooting Guard	55	44	70	73	65	50	70	25
Brian Cook	Power Forward	50	65	59	59	55	50	70	59
Ronny Turiaf	Power Forward	45	62	50	55	42	50	70	10
Andrew Bynum	Center	67	72	60	60	33	55	75	20
Jordan Farmar	Point Guard	75	34	80	76	78	75	33	12
Aaron McKie	Point Guard	50	57	65	78	62	50	87	39
Maurice Evans	Shooting Guard	81	63	65	73	56	50	70	24
Shammond Williams	Point Guard	65	59	80	83	75	50	58	79

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MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES





Then...

One of Canada's few remaining teams, the Vancouver Grizzlies (1995–2000) relocated to Memphis in 2001. They maintained the same name and have not shaken their predecessor's history of being a struggling team.

Now...

It only took two seasons for Memphis's team to make a playoff showing in 2003–2004. Unfortunately, that success would be somewhat short-lived as the Grizzlies struggled once again in 2005. They made the playoffs but didn't make it past the first round.

HEAD COACH

>>> MIKE FRATELLO <<<

After spending time as a commentator for NBC, Mike Fratello picked up his coaching career where it left off. This time, however, instead of coaching the Cleveland Cavaliers he took charge in Memphis. He is in his third year coaching the lukewarm franchise.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> GRIZZLIES ATTACK MEMPHIS <<<

With a franchise that is so new to the city, the most memorable moment for Grizzlies fans is the team's arrival in Memphis in 2001.

The Grizzlies are Memphis's first NBA team and have been welcomed into the community of other professional sports teams in Tennessee.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Hubie Brown (2002–2004)

Hubie Brown returned from retirement to take on the Grizzlies' head coaching position. Unfortunately, after a short-lived stint with the Grizzlies, health complications ended Brown's coaching career.

Although Brown's career ended earlier than expected, he still has the distinction of posting incredible numbers throughout his 30-year career.

2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
49	33	.448	.374	.711	10.2	29.0	39.2	19.3	7.3	5.4	13.8	21.4	92.2

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2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Stromile Swift
Power Forward	Pau Gasol
Small Forward	Rudy Gay
Shooting Guard	Eddie Jones
Point Guard	Damon Stoudamire

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	85
Damon Stoudamire	Point Guard	74
Eddie Jones	Shooting Guard	73
Mike Miller	Shooting Guard	73
Stromile Swift	Power Forward	73
Rudy Gay	Small Forward	70
Hakim Warrick	Power Forward	67
Damon Jones	Shooting Guard	65
Brian Cardinal	Power Forward	64
Anthony Roberson	Point Guard	62
Jake Tsakalidis	Center	61
Kyle Lowry	Point Guard	59
Antonio Burks	Power Forward	58
Lawrence Roberts	Power Forward	54

PLAYING AS

Unfortunately, the Grizzlies don't have any Superstar players. They do have a decent inside scorer and shooter in Pau Gasol and Mike Miller, respectively.

Make them the backbone of your offense, while using Gasol's inside stopping power as the backbone of your D.

PLAYING AGAINST

Have fun against the Grizzlies. Aside from Gasol, they don't have many threats. Perhaps focus on shutting down Gasol and run whatever kind of offensive gameplay you prefer. Basically, play your kind of game.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

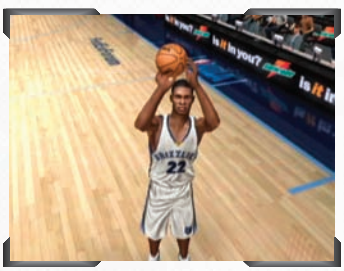
STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Pau Gasol	Inside Scorer, Inside Stopper
Mike Miller	Shooter

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Antonio Burks	Power Forward	60	42	43	24	35	64	61
Brian Cardinal	Power Forward	58	66	70	58	53	68	37
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	80	12	72	71	87	87	55
Rudy Gay	Small Forward	69	67	72	80	60	60	45
Eddie Jones	Shooting Guard	75	76	78	70	55	67	36
Damon Jones	Shooting Guard	80	80	64	0	34	70	65
Kyle Lowry	Point Guard	51	53	73	21	47	57	62
Mike Miller	Shooting Guard	80	82	80	50	64	76	46
Anthony Roberson	Point Guard	70	67	83	22	34	61	53
Lawrence Roberts	Power Forward	38	8	47	55	58	33	34
Damon Stoudamire	Point Guard	71	80	85	0	45	77	80
Stromile Swift	Power Forward	59	0	65	83	69	61	15
Jake Tsakalidis	Center	41	0	65	64	67	52	16
Hakim Warrick	Power Forward	43	23	66	82	65	60	30

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Antonio Burks	Power Forward	87	7	40	75	73
Brian Cardinal	Power Forward	88	19	42	49	50
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	36	82	80	62	70
Rudy Gay	Small Forward	34	20	59	71	73
Eddie Jones	Shooting Guard	54	21	74	75	73
Damon Jones	Shooting Guard	30	1	65	77	77
Kyle Lowry	Point Guard	37	1	60	75	80
Mike Miller	Shooting Guard	43	16	55	60	76
Anthony Roberson	Point Guard	44	2	34	68	64
Lawrence Roberts	Power Forward	30	49	30	51	55
Damon Stoudamire	Point Guard	56	0	72	90	81
Stromile Swift	Power Forward	42	80	70	55	70
Jake Tsakalidis	Center	19	80	49	39	45
Hakim Warrick	Power Forward	38	30	60	70	69

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Antonio Burks	Power Forward	2	26	38	56
Brian Cardinal	Power Forward	35	58	25	73
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	67	80	60	63
Rudy Gay	Small Forward	21	56	80	50
Eddie Jones	Shooting Guard	9	60	65	50
Damon Jones	Shooting Guard	4	44	60	45
Kyle Lowry	Point Guard	11	23	49	39
Mike Miller	Shooting Guard	12	61	60	57
Anthony Roberson	Point Guard	39	48	62	42
Lawrence Roberts	Power Forward	40	60	55	60
Damon Stoudamire	Point Guard	15	49	50	44
Stromile Swift	Power Forward	57	80	81	63
Jake Tsakalidis	Center	60	65	50	88
Hakim Warrick	Power Forward	48	64	85	41

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Antonio Burks	Power Forward	38	56	75	73	55	50	65	35
Brian Cardinal	Power Forward	25	73	49	50	49	54	53	39
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	60	63	62	70	58	73	90	69
Rudy Gay	Small Forward	80	50	71	73	64	73	39	14
Eddie Jones	Shooting Guard	65	50	75	73	66	78	50	59
Damon Jones	Shooting Guard	60	45	77	77	75	71	75	59
Kyle Lowry	Point Guard	49	39	75	80	73	72	39	18
Mike Miller	Shooting Guard	60	57	60	76	65	67	80	59
Anthony Roberson	Point Guard	62	42	68	64	66	55	59	43
Lawrence Roberts	Power Forward	55	60	51	55	35	50	65	10
Damon Stoudamire	Point Guard	50	44	90	81	81	75	76	79
Stromile Swift	Power Forward	81	63	55	70	35	50	68	52
Jake Tsakalidis	Center	50	88	39	45	35	64	32	59
Hakim Warrick	Power Forward	85	41	70	69	43	50	75	30

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MIAMI HEAT





Then...

Though Miami is no stranger to basketball, the team that called Miami home prior to the Heat was the American Basketball Association Floridians. In 1988 the Heat arrived in Miami as part of a four-team expansion. Their debut was sadly marred by a record-setting 17 straight losses to open the season, before they eventually finished with a 15–67 record.

Now...

Now it seems as if the Miami Heat are just that—hot! The introduction of superstar center Shaquille O'Neal transformed the Heat from a good team to a formidable force to be reckoned with.

Coupling Shaq's ability with the exceptional talent of Dwyane Wade has made the Heat one of the NBA's most exciting teams to watch today. The Heat proved last season that they had exactly what it takes to be number one as they brought Miami their first NBA title ever.

HEAD COACH

>>> PAT RILEY <<<

Prior to taking on the head coaching job at Miami, Pat Riley was the team's president. Most important, however, is Riley's experience before ever being in Miami at all.

During his first few jobs as head coach in the NBA he achieved more than most coaches do in a lifetime, winning four NBA championships, eight conference championships, and 16 divisional championships across four different teams.

NOTE

Though Miami has yet to retire the number of any one of its players, two numbers have been retired in special tributes.

Football great Dan Marino's number, 13, and Michael Jordan's, 23, are the only two retired numbers in the Heat franchise.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> SUPERMAN COMES TO MIAMI <<<

One trade is all it took to turn up the heat in Miami in 2004. In a genius trade between the Miami Heat and the Los Angeles Lakers, the team acquired one of the most dominant presences the NBA has ever known.

Shaquille O'Neal came home to Miami and turned the moderately talented team into a powerhouse. The Heat were no longer a lukewarm team in the Eastern Conference; they were the Heat.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Alonzo Mourning (1995–2002, 2004–2005)

Alonzo Mourning spent nearly seven seasons with the Heat. During that time he earned Defensive Player of the Year two years in a row (1999 and 2000) and was the team's backbone.

He averaged close to 20 points per game and an impressive 10 rebounds per game while under Pat Riley in Miami. After refusing to play with Toronto, Mourning came home to Miami, where he is now part of his beloved franchise.

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MIAMI HEAT

2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
52	30	.478	.345	.700	10.5	32.6	43.1	20.6	6.4	5.4	14.5	22.8	99.9

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Shaquille O'Neal
Power Forward	Udonis Haslem
Small Forward	Antoine Walker
Shooting Guard	Dwyane Wade
Point Guard	Jason Williams

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Dwyane Wade	Shooting Guard	93
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	89
Antoine Walker	Small Forward	78
Alonzo Mourning	Center	77
Jason Williams	Point Guard	73
James Posey	Small Forward	72
Dorell Wright	Shooting Guard	71
Udonis Haslem	Power Forward	70
Derek Anderson	Shooting Guard	68
Jason Kapono	Small Forward	62
Michael Doleac	Center	60
Mike Gansey	Shooting Guard	60
Wayne Simien	Power Forward	58

PLAYING AS

MIAMI HEAT

One word: Shaq. Shaq's presence on the team does more than enough to create mismatches on offense. Exploit the giant's presence in the paint and post up huge numbers inside.

When not putting up obscene numbers of points with your Superstar center, use Wade to pick apart opponents with his shooting from pretty much anywhere on the court. On defense use Shaq or Mourning's stopping power inside while locking down the perimeter with Wade.

PLAYING AGAINST

MIAMI HEAT

Two words: Good luck. Try to focus on stopping Shaq, though it will usually take Double-Teams to do so. When not working on Shaq, turn your attention toward Wade and keep the pressure on him; don't let him shoot or drive the lane.

Use a fast-paced offense capable of putting up points quickly, leaving the Heat little to no time to recover between shots. Play the boards aggressively; Shaq and Mourning won't just hand over the ball.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Dwyane Wade	Playmaker
Jason Williams	Playmaker

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Shaquille O'Neal	Power, Inside Stopper
Dwyane Wade	Highflyer, Inside Scorer, Outside Scorer, Outside Stopper
Alonzo Mourning	Inside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	67	0	46	97	95	99	62
Udonis Haslem	Power Forward	55	0	78	71	63	62	19
Antoine Walker	Small Forward	70	67	62	60	70	75	69
Dwyane Wade	Shooting Guard	80	50	76	87	87	90	81
Jason Williams	Point Guard	72	75	86	29	42	81	84
James Posey	Small Forward	65	69	78	72	49	60	30
Alonzo Mourning	Center	55	0	58	79	76	76	55
Jason Kapono	Small Forward	66	80	84	50	48	77	19
Wayne Simien	Power Forward	35	18	88	65	61	49	28
Derek Anderson	Shooting Guard	76	70	83	60	44	65	56
Michael Doleac	Center	60	0	80	53	57	57	19
Dorell Wright	Shooting Guard	54	45	88	78	48	56	42
Mike Gansey	Shooting Guard	62	67	68	34	55	69	62

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	33	88	95	65	60
Udonis Haslem	Power Forward	43	35	60	56	63
Antoine Walker	Small Forward	50	30	60	59	62
Dwyane Wade	Shooting Guard	82	43	83	90	94
Jason Williams	Point Guard	50	3	60	85	85
James Posey	Small Forward	62	25	81	66	75
Alonzo Mourning	Center	20	87	75	61	60
Jason Kapono	Small Forward	48	5	44	61	60
Wayne Simien	Power Forward	30	27	45	60	55
Derek Anderson	Shooting Guard	52	3	62	73	73
Michael Doleac	Center	35	28	55	42	52
Dorell Wright	Shooting Guard	45	20	44	65	72
Mike Gansey	Shooting Guard	60	1	60	65	70

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	79	91	70	99
Udonis Haslem	Power Forward	72	81	65	68
Antoine Walker	Small Forward	48	78	70	71
Dwyane Wade	Shooting Guard	25	50	89	60
Jason Williams	Point Guard	7	28	60	39
James Posey	Small Forward	25	65	50	55
Alonzo Mourning	Center	65	88	73	88
Jason Kapono	Small Forward	16	46	40	54
Wayne Simien	Power Forward	46	53	64	63
Derek Anderson	Shooting Guard	15	43	62	48
Michael Doleac	Center	50	75	25	78
Dorell Wright	Shooting Guard	54	62	70	44
Mike Gansey	Shooting Guard	12	21	30	35

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	70	99	65	60	30	70	85	80
Udonis Haslem	Power Forward	65	68	56	63	45	74	68	39
Antoine Walker	Small Forward	70	71	59	62	62	69	75	67
Dwyane Wade	Shooting Guard	89	60	90	94	90	83	73	66
Jason Williams	Point Guard	60	39	85	85	88	75	69	59
James Posey	Small Forward	50	55	66	75	68	58	73	59
Alonzo Mourning	Center	73	88	61	60	37	50	55	61
Jason Kapono	Small Forward	40	54	61	60	60	50	64	59
Wayne Simien	Power Forward	64	63	60	55	32	50	45	10
Derek Anderson	Shooting Guard	62	48	73	73	57	55	59	79
Michael Doleac	Center	25	78	42	52	45	50	68	79
Dorell Wright	Shooting Guard	70	44	65	72	54	50	70	30
Mike Gansey	Shooting Guard	30	35	65	70	63	69	31	11

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MILWAUKEE BUCKS





Then...

Milwaukee's Bucks started their franchise career in 1968. In three short years, they improved from a less-than-stellar rookie season to a 56–26 second season to an NBA Championship in 1971.

The Bucks have included some of the NBA's greatest, most notably Bob Lanier, Oscar Robertson, Nate Archibald, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Now...

The Bucks continue to try to shake off the slump that has plagued them since their playoff appearance in 2001. To their credit, they have managed to dig deep and press on, despite an injury-plagued roster.

HEAD COACH

>>> TERRY STOTTS <<<

Now in his fourth year as an NBA head coach, Stotts has experience coaching young teams (he was assistant coach to the youthful Golden State Warriors), and he was head coach of the underwhelming Atlanta Hawks of 2002 and 2003.

With the Bucks, Stotts has produced a respectable .480 record in his first season with a first-round playoff appearance.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> FASTEST TO THE FINALS <<<

It's hard to call their rise to the NBA Championship a single "moment," but arguably, in the span of sports history, it was a momentary occurrence.

After securing the talent of a young and rising center named Lew Alcindor (who later became legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar), the Bucks' meteoric rise to the NBA Finals only took three years. With the help of another NBA legend, Oscar Robertson, the team set the record for *all* sports franchises in achieving a championship title in the least amount of time.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Oscar Robertson (1970–1974)

In only his second year as a professional athlete, Robertson set records that have stood the test of time. His second-year records of 30.8 points, 12.5 rebounds, and 11.4 assists per game became the standard by which other players have been judged for years.

Also in his second year, Robertson set a triple-double record for the season! That was just the beginning. By the end of

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
40	42	.453	.380	.738	11.3	29.9	41.2	21.6	7.3	3.3	14.6	23.2	97.8

NOTABLE FIGURE

continued

his career, he had helped the Bucks win their only NBA Championship in franchise history while putting up impressive scoring numbers as one of the game's most notable shooting guards.

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Andrew Bogut
Power Forward	Charlie Villanueva
Small Forward	Bobby Simmons
Shooting Guard	Michael Redd
Point Guard	Jamaal Magloire

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Michael Redd	Shooting Guard	83
Charlie Villanueva	Power Forward	78
Andrew Bogut	Center	75
Jamaal Magloire	Center	75
Bobby Simmons	Small Forward	74
Maurice Williams	Point Guard	72
Dan Gadzuric	Center	66
David Noel	Small Forward	62
Joe Smith	Power Forward	66
Charlie Bell	Point Guard	60

PLAYING AS

Michael Redd is your only real Superstar player. Lucky for you, he is a great shooter. He's not the best inside scorer, but his talents away from the paint more than make up for it.

Use Andrew Bogut as your defensive stopper in the inside, while running a balanced zone D that favors outside coverage.

PLAYING AGAINST

Since Redd is the Bucks' only real scoring threat, shut him down early. Keep him scrambling on the perimeter with no room to shoot.

Bogut's inside play can be disruptive, but he is the only defensive weapon they have. Work the perimeter and score on midrange shooting.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Andrew Bogut	Inside Stopper
Jamaal Magloire	Inside Stopper

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Michael Redd	Outside Scorer, Shooter







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Andrew Bogut	Center	57	30	62	65	75	60	51
Charlie Villanueva	Power Forward	67	62	70	80	69	65	55
Bobby Simmons	Small Forward	65	64	82	60	56	76	38
Michael Redd	Shooting Guard	84	84	87	60	65	89	67
Maurice Williams	Point Guard	66	70	85	69	44	68	79
Jamaal Magloire	Center	64	0	53	75	69	73	22
Dan Gadzuric	Center	42	0	46	65	66	62	7
Charlie Bell	Point Guard	53	60	70	10	46	41	62
Joe Smith	Power Forward	58	0	77	65	64	68	14
David Noel	Small Forward	64	62	62	65	51	33	50

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Andrew Bogut	Center	28	75	75	55	65
Charlie Villanueva	Power Forward	27	62	65	56	61
Bobby Simmons	Small Forward	69	9	69	59	68
Michael Redd	Shooting Guard	47	3	64	80	80
Maurice Williams	Point Guard	59	7	47	74	78
Jamaal Magloire	Center	20	78	75	56	55
Dan Gadzuric	Center	48	81	51	55	60
Charlie Bell	Point Guard	32	8	48	65	64
Joe Smith	Power Forward	33	27	50	60	61
David Noel	Small Forward	23	11	60	62	70

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Andrew Bogut	Center	67	78	45	70
Charlie Villanueva	Power Forward	61	77	68	67
Bobby Simmons	Small Forward	38	63	67	78
Michael Redd	Shooting Guard	21	48	74	61
Maurice Williams	Point Guard	16	44	65	41
Jamaal Magloire	Center	79	80	45	80
Dan Gadzuric	Center	90	92	50	65
Charlie Bell	Point Guard	43	48	50	36
Joe Smith	Power Forward	63	76	50	58
David Noel	Small Forward	14	43	65	65

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Andrew Bogut	Center	45	70	55	65	43	70	75	30
Charlie Villanueva	Power Forward	68	67	56	61	61	60	60	44
Bobby Simmons	Small Forward	67	78	59	68	54	80	58	39
Michael Redd	Shooting Guard	74	61	80	80	85	81	85	75
Maurice Williams	Point Guard	65	41	74	78	74	70	55	39
Jamaal Magloire	Center	45	80	56	55	53	70	85	49
Dan Gadzuric	Center	50	65	55	60	28	54	40	39
Charlie Bell	Point Guard	50	36	65	64	71	50	80	79
Joe Smith	Power Forward	50	58	60	61	55	68	75	59
David Noel	Small Forward	65	65	62	70	60	67	47	10

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MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES





Then...

After the Minneapolis Lakers left Minnesota, the NBA took almost three decades to replenish the basketball void. In 1989, the Minnesota Timberwolves began as an expansion franchise.

Minnesotans had all but forgotten their previous team, and they instantly embraced the Timberwolves. They quickly began to consistently sell out games and set attendance records.

Now...

Today's T-Wolves are Kevin Garnett's team. They have been since his drafting in 1995. In spite of strong efforts to build a championship team around the skilled forward, the T-Wolves have continued to fall short of the NBA Finals. Their most notable post-season showing was the 2004 conference finals, which they lost to the Los Angeles Lakers.

HEAD COACH

>>> DWANE CASEY <<<

Dwane Casey's coaching experience began humbly in Kentucky, as an assistant coach, and flourished in Japan coaching its National Team. He recently returned to the states, where he took the head coaching position in Minnesota.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> PACKING THE METRODOME <<<

One of the Timberwolves' most notable moments came early in franchise history. During their first year in the NBA, it became quite clear that they would never be in need of fan support.

On April 17, 1990, Minnesota Timberwolves fans would squeeze 49,551 people into the Hubert H. Humphries Metrodome in Minneapolis, setting the record for the third-largest crowd in NBA history.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Kevin Garnett (1995-Present)

As mentioned before, Kevin Garnett has been with the Minnesota Timberwolves his entire career. However, that alone is not enough to win him top billing in this section.

He has worked hard to become the face of the T-Wolves. His career is peppered with plenty of NBA top honors, including 2003–2004 NBA MVP, eight-time NBA All-Star, and being the first player to win NBA Player of the Month honors four times in one season.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
33	49	.456	.329	.758	9.9	29.5	39.4	20.9	6.8	5.7	14.5	23.0	91.7

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Mark Blount
Power Forward	Kevin Garnett
Small Forward	Ricky Davis
Shooting Guard	Randy Foye
Point Guard	Mike James

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	99
Ricky Davis	Small Forward	76
Randy Foye	Shooting Guard	74
Mike James	Point Guard	74
Marko Jaric	Point Guard	71
Eddie Griffin	Power Forward	70
Rashad McCants	Shooting Guard	68
Mark Blount	Power Forward	65
Troy Hudson	Point Guard	65
Trenton Hassell	Small Forward	64
Ronald Dupree	Shooting Guard	63
Mark Madsen	Power Forward	59
Bracey Wright	Shooting Guard	59

PLAYING AS

Use Kevin Garnett deceptively. Most teams will key in on the speedy giant and try to shut him down on the inside, but with high-flying Ricky Davis and Mike James's decent outside scoring ability you can put up a varied enough offense to keep the other team playing catch-up.

PLAYING AGAINST

Don't focus too much on Garnett unless he is working the interior. If you do decide to take on the Superstar, be aware that he is a very powerful player.

Similarly, watch out for Garnett on offense. He is a great defender inside.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Ricky Davis	Highflyer
Mike James	Outside Scorer

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Kevin Garnett	Inside Scorer, Power, Inside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Mark Blount	Power Forward	68	0	76	59	62	71	29
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	80	41	81	90	88	87	72
Ricky Davis	Small Forward	75	61	81	87	61	78	43
Randy Foye	Shooting Guard	65	69	70	35	60	62	70
Mike James	Point Guard	78	79	83	0	57	81	77
Eddie Griffin	Power Forward	59	69	60	70	65	60	16
Marko Jaric	Point Guard	67	69	69	12	56	66	85
Troy Hudson	Point Guard	70	76	92	0	48	75	82
Trenton Hassell	Small Forward	66	13	74	40	42	60	29
Rashad McCants	Shooting Guard	72	73	74	50	55	67	64
Mark Madsen	Power Forward	50	0	50	65	73	27	14
Bracey Wright	Shooting Guard	61	58	88	35	54	55	57
Ronald Dupree	Shooting Guard	61	16	51	65	53	60	23

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Mark Blount	Power Forward	29	65	67	58	55
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	65	89	90	70	70
Ricky Davis	Small Forward	59	16	60	72	80
Randy Foye	Shooting Guard	60	1	65	88	75
Mike James	Point Guard	64	3	54	74	80
Eddie Griffin	Power Forward	27	88	42	49	51
Marko Jaric	Point Guard	83	16	38	75	77
Troy Hudson	Point Guard	27	5	62	88	80
Trenton Hassell	Small Forward	25	23	80	68	73
Rashad McCants	Shooting Guard	52	24	52	62	73
Mark Madsen	Power Forward	20	36	62	59	58
Bracey Wright	Shooting Guard	31	8	41	65	70
Ronald Dupree	Shooting Guard	27	34	53	70	74

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Mark Blount	Power Forward	64	75	40	69
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	63	99	89	85
Ricky Davis	Small Forward	19	35	88	45
Randy Foye	Shooting Guard	15	55	60	65
Mike James	Point Guard	14	49	50	67
Eddie Griffin	Power Forward	68	89	68	50
Marko Jaric	Point Guard	9	44	48	60
Troy Hudson	Point Guard	8	25	43	39
Trenton Hassell	Small Forward	30	35	68	55
Rashad McCants	Shooting Guard	20	24	50	42
Mark Madsen	Power Forward	76	57	45	71
Bracey Wright	Shooting Guard	19	26	45	39
Ronald Dupree	Shooting Guard	57	68	60	54

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Mark Blount	Power Forward	40	69	58	55	22	64	46	39
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	89	85	70	70	61	70	94	73
Ricky Davis	Small Forward	88	45	72	80	71	73	70	80
Randy Foye	Shooting Guard	60	65	88	75	80	75	60	33
Mike James	Point Guard	50	67	74	80	82	58	85	73
Eddie Griffin	Power Forward	68	50	49	51	43	50	35	39
Marko Jaric	Point Guard	48	60	75	77	71	67	80	39
Troy Hudson	Point Guard	43	39	88	80	76	54	60	39
Trenton Hassell	Small Forward	68	55	68	73	70	69	85	39
Rashad McCants	Shooting Guard	50	42	62	73	73	55	75	30
Mark Madsen	Power Forward	45	71	59	58	33	50	85	39
Bracey Wright	Shooting Guard	45	39	65	70	69	50	50	10
Ronald Dupree	Shooting Guard	60	54	70	74	61	50	55	39

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NEW JERSEY NETS





Then...

The team formerly known as the Americans was a struggling franchise that scraped tooth and nail to stay alive in the failing ABA during 1968. As times changed, so did their location. A brief stint in New York gave the team a new name as owner Arthur Brown took a name that rhymed with New York's other franchises—the MLB Mets and NFL Jets. A year later, in 1970, the New Jersey Nets would make their playoff appearance.

Now...

Today's Nets have enjoyed a relatively successful two decades. Under the leadership of Jason Kidd, who joined the squad in 2001, the Nets have made multiple playoff appearances and even reached the NBA Finals two years in a row, in 2002 and 2003.

The duo of Vince Carter and Jason Kidd is a great one-two punch few teams are prepared to handle.

HEAD COACH

>>> LAWRENCE FRANK <<<

Ever since joining the Nets as head coach in 2003, Lawrence Frank has consistently led the team to winning seasons. Prior to becoming head coach, Frank spent almost four years as the Nets' assistant coach. Due in no small part to his familiarity with the Nets franchise, Frank led the team on a 13-game winning streak.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> 1981 NBA DRAFT <<<

In addition to handing control of the team over to Bob MacKinnon, the team made a series of clever moves to secure three picks in the first round of the 1981 NBA Draft.

In it they would pick 1982 Rookie of the Year Buck Williams (third overall in the draft and the Nets' first pick), Albert King (10th overall in the draft and the Nets' second pick), and Ray Tolbert (18th overall and the Nets' third first-round pick), forming a core for the team. The trio would take the Nets into the playoffs their first season, but the team fell short in the first round.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Charles "Buck" Williams (1981–1989)

The Nets' first pick in the 1981 NBA Draft was a deftly skilled junior out of the University of Maryland. He left early to begin an illustrious career as one of the NBA's best defenders. His rebounding and athletic style of play won him a Rookie of the Year award in 1982, and three NBA All-Star nominations.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
49	33	.440	.330	.758	10.0	31.0	41.0	23.0	6.8	3.4	13.6	23.2	93.8

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Jason Collins
Power Forward	Nenad Krstic
Small Forward	Richard Jefferson
Shooting Guard	Vince Carter
Point Guard	Jason Kidd

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Vince Carter	Shooting Guard	87
Jason Kidd	Point Guard	87
Richard Jefferson	Small Forward	86
Marcus Williams	Point Guard	72
Nenad Krstic	Power Forward	68
Jeff McInnis	Point Guard	67
Antoine Wright	Shooting Guard	66
Bostjan Nachbar	Small Forward	64
Zoran Planinic	Small Forward	64
Jason Collins	Center	62
Josh Boone	Power Forward	59

PLAYING AS

Playmaker? Check. Highflyer? Check. Defensive stoppers? Check. Inside scorer? Check. Outside scorer? Check. And to think all of those are spread out across only three men.

Use Kidd to run your plays and get the ball to Jefferson on the inside, or Carter on the perimeter. On defense, keep Kidd and Jefferson working the perimeter.

PLAYING AGAINST

Watch out for Kidd's interior game. He is extremely speedy and capable of putting up points in no time. Likewise, watch for Carter's long-range shooting; the kid can cause major damage from the outside.

To score points of your own, exploit their weak interior defense. They don't have any real inside stoppers, so work their weaknesses.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

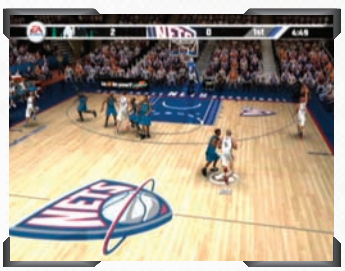
PLAYER	TYPE
Richard Jefferson	Outside Scorer, Outside Stopper
Vince Carter	Inside Scorer
Jason Kidd	Outside Scorer

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Richard Jefferson	Highflyer
Vince Carter	Highflyer, Outside Scorer
Jason Kidd	Playmaker, Outside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Jason Collins	Center	53	22	65	55	68	38	19
Nenad Krstic	Power Forward	63	0	69	59	67	74	18
Richard Jefferson	Small Forward	80	61	81	90	69	81	47
Vince Carter	Shooting Guard	83	77	79	94	80	91	56
Jason Kidd	Point Guard	75	64	79	22	60	89	91
Marcus Williams	Point Guard	59	64	86	40	60	70	85
Zoran Planinic	Small Forward	56	67	69	53	43	75	40
Jeff McInnis	Point Guard	63	68	81	33	41	70	80
Antoine Wright	Shooting Guard	65	65	65	70	45	61	57
Bostjan Nachbar	Small Forward	66	79	82	59	61	70	26
Josh Boone	Power Forward	37	1	54	64	45	37	12

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Jason Collins	Center	51	45	44	43	57
Nenad Krstic	Power Forward	28	60	57	59	57
Richard Jefferson	Small Forward	80	19	80	83	81
Vince Carter	Shooting Guard	70	20	65	80	82
Jason Kidd	Point Guard	83	5	94	89	94
Marcus Williams	Point Guard	60	1	54	80	79
Zoran Planinic	Small Forward	82	0	47	60	70
Jeff McInnis	Point Guard	38	0	49	77	78
Antoine Wright	Shooting Guard	49	21	52	70	75
Bostjan Nachbar	Small Forward	38	18	32	62	61
Josh Boone	Power Forward	19	60	61	60	59

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Jason Collins	Center	47	70	50	75
Nenad Krstic	Power Forward	65	71	53	63
Richard Jefferson	Small Forward	28	71	90	61
Vince Carter	Shooting Guard	29	54	98	60
Jason Kidd	Point Guard	30	76	70	60
Marcus Williams	Point Guard	12	56	50	55
Zoran Planinic	Small Forward	29	50	48	45
Jeff McInnis	Point Guard	9	23	40	40
Antoine Wright	Shooting Guard	20	32	60	44
Bostjan Nachbar	Small Forward	14	61	48	57
Josh Boone	Power Forward	55	65	61	70

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Jason Collins	Center	50	75	43	57	32	71	60	39
Nenad Krstic	Power Forward	53	63	59	57	37	65	75	59
Richard Jefferson	Small Forward	90	61	83	81	80	78	60	39
Vince Carter	Shooting Guard	98	60	80	82	83	79	55	80
Jason Kidd	Point Guard	70	60	89	94	85	77	75	79
Marcus Williams	Point Guard	50	55	80	79	80	70	45	25
Zoran Planinic	Small Forward	48	45	60	70	60	50	75	50
Jeff McInnis	Point Guard	40	40	77	78	77	76	88	59
Antoine Wright	Shooting Guard	60	44	70	75	60	50	70	22
Bostjan Nachbar	Small Forward	48	57	62	61	58	50	66	59
Josh Boone	Power Forward	61	70	60	59	23	69	59	5

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NEW ORLEANS HORNETS





Then...

The Hornets are now one of the most despised teams in Charlotte. They were once the Charlotte Hornets (1988–2002), and the team didn't leave on the friendliest of terms. In 2002, the Charlotte Hornets relocated to New Orleans, replacing the Jazz, who had moved to Utah nearly three decades earlier.

Now...

The New Orleans Hornets played great ball for most of their first few seasons in New Orleans. Two consecutive playoff appearances (2003 and 2004) won over New Orleans fans who were happy to have the 25-year basketball drought come to an end.

HEAD COACH

>>> BYRON SCOTT <<<

The seventh coach in franchise history, Byron Scott joined the team in 2004. His background shines with multiple finals appearances, from when he coached the Nets, and three championships garnered while in Los Angeles.

Prior to becoming a coach, Scott was drafted by the San Diego Clippers in 1983. After spending 14 years as a player, Scott left the hardwood and picked up the clipboard.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> 2005–2006 OFF-SEASON <<<

The New Orleans Hornets' most notable moment occurred during an event the entire country remembers . During August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the American landscape, tearing through Louisiana and nearly destroying New Orleans.

Before the Hornets could begin their pre-season training, their city was turned inside out by the hurricane. As a result, the team signed a deal to play in Oklahoma City, thus becoming the New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Bobby Ray Phills (1997–2000)

Though he was not one of the Hornets' most productive players, Phills's impact can be felt far and wide. A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the young star began his career as a Milwaukee Buck.

After being cut by the Bucks, Phills improved his game with the Sioux Falls Skyforce of the CBA. After making a move to the Hornets in

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2006 STANDINGS

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38	44	.440	.339	.758	11.2	29.0	40.2	18.5	7.4	3.8	13.4	21.8	92.8

NOTABLE FIGURE

continued

1997, the rising star became a potential contender for NBA's Sixth Man of the Year award. Regrettably, Phills's career came to a premature end in a tragic automobile accident. His number was retired in 2000.

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Tyson Chandler
Power Forward	David West
Small Forward	Peja Stojakovic
Shooting Guard	Desmond Mason
Point Guard	Chris Paul

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Chris Paul	Point Guard	85
Peja Stojakovic	Small Forward	82
Tyson Chandler	Center	78
David West	Power Forward	72
Desmond Mason	Shooting Guard	71
Marc Jackson	Center	64
Rasual Butler	Small Forward	63
Hilton Armstrong	Power Forward	63
Marcus Fizer	Small Forward	62
Linton Johnson	Small Forward	61
Cedric Simmons	Power Forward	61
Brandon Bass	Power Forward	59

PLAYING AS



This year's Hornets are the lucky recipients of one of the better shooters in the NBA. Peja Stojakovic brings his pinpoint shooting to the team, complemented by Tyson Chandler's interior defense.

As the two new star players join Desmond Mason and Chris Paul, the Hornets place a bevy of offensive weapons at your disposal.

PLAYING AGAINST



Between Tyson Chandler's interior D and Chris Paul's outside stopping power, the Hornets have a respectable foundation on defense. Their weakest link is inside the lane. Chandler is good, but he's not unbeatable.

On defense, shut down Stojakovic and keep him away from clear looks on the perimeter.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Tyson Chandler	Inside Stopper
Chris Paul	Outside Scorer, Playmaker

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Peja Stojakovic	Shooter
Desmond Mason	Highflyer
Chris Paul	Outside Stopper





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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Tyson Chandler	Center	64	0	50	80	66	56	14
David West	Power Forward	51	26	84	65	74	64	19
Peja Stojakovic	Small Forward	84	85	91	60	75	86	47
Desmond Mason	Shooting Guard	59	16	68	95	60	77	39
Chris Paul	Point Guard	75	63	84	65	67	80	88
Hilton Armstrong	Power Forward	45	0	59	70	55	21	14
Linton Johnson	Small Forward	38	35	66	58	61	45	18
Brandon Bass	Power Forward	43	10	63	40	60	55	16
Cedric Simmons	Power Forward	45	25	65	70	50	23	19
Marc Jackson	Center	62	0	80	60	69	78	19
Marcus Fizer	Small Forward	57	0	50	67	65	70	33
Rasual Butler	Small Forward	61	75	69	57	48	65	25

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Tyson Chandler	Center	69	77	80	66	65
David West	Power Forward	38	46	69	49	59
Peja Stojakovic	Small Forward	61	7	63	69	75
Desmond Mason	Shooting Guard	42	14	65	74	82
Chris Paul	Point Guard	80	1	80	90	90
Hilton Armstrong	Power Forward	33	60	69	68	68
Linton Johnson	Small Forward	83	70	44	42	46
Brandon Bass	Power Forward	40	59	45	55	60
Cedric Simmons	Power Forward	21	64	60	67	64
Marc Jackson	Center	28	14	55	40	58
Marcus Fizer	Small Forward	49	21	52	56	58
Rasual Butler	Small Forward	27	37	39	70	70

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Tyson Chandler	Center	81	84	78	75
David West	Power Forward	57	76	50	69
Peja Stojakovic	Small Forward	29	69	61	63
Desmond Mason	Shooting Guard	23	40	96	65
Chris Paul	Point Guard	25	40	60	65
Hilton Armstrong	Power Forward	65	65	67	65
Linton Johnson	Small Forward	66	78	40	50
Brandon Bass	Power Forward	46	56	45	65
Cedric Simmons	Power Forward	39	65	70	56
Marc Jackson	Center	72	58	75	74
Marcus Fizer	Small Forward	25	76	65	82
Rasual Butler	Small Forward	9	58	50	51

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Tyson Chandler	Center	78	75	66	65	40	70	65	23
David West	Power Forward	50	69	49	59	57	70	75	39
Peja Stojakovic	Small Forward	61	63	69	75	67	87	86	80
Desmond Mason	Shooting Guard	96	65	74	82	76	79	38	39
Chris Paul	Point Guard	60	65	90	90	84	70	80	55
Hilton Armstrong	Power Forward	67	65	68	68	23	60	61	11
Linton Johnson	Small Forward	40	50	42	46	35	50	60	39
Brandon Bass	Power Forward	45	65	55	60	22	65	70	10
Cedric Simmons	Power Forward	70	56	67	64	23	62	53	11
Marc Jackson	Center	75	74	40	58	40	58	54	49
Marcus Fizer	Small Forward	65	82	56	58	53	50	62	59
Rasual Butler	Small Forward	50	51	70	70	63	50	65	55

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NEW YORK KNICKS





Then...

The New York Knicks are one of the NBA's most decorated teams. Their history goes all the way back to the founding of the BAA; they were one of the 11 charter teams, then known as the New York Knickerbockers.

The Knickerbockers kicked off their franchise to an amazing start with nine playoff appearances in their first 10 years.

Now...

It wasn't until 1964, with the introduction of a new logo, that the Knickerbockers shortened their name to Knicks. Since then they have made numerous trips to the playoffs and won the NBA title twice, once in 1970 and again in 1973.

Today's Knicks are a New York team at heart, seemingly plagued by controversial decisions made by the team's GM. Their reputation as one of New York's most beloved sports franchises can never be sullied, however. They were there at the beginning and will probably be there until the end.

HEAD COACH

>>> ISIAH THOMAS <<<

Certain athletes will never be able to leave the game. Thomas is one of those players. Having thrived at a very young age with impressive high school and collegiate careers, Thomas burst onto the NBA scene as a Detroit Piston. After a long and productive, if controversial, career as a player, Thomas retired and became part-owner and president of the Toronto Raptors.

Fast forward to today—Thomas is head coach of the Knicks and continues to raise eyebrows, win games, and shape the NBA.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> THE NBA'S FIRST DRAFT LOTTERY <<<

In 1985, the NBA Draft Lottery began. During that first year, teams that had not made the playoffs took part in a drawing to see who would pick first during the 1985 NBA Draft.

As luck would have it, the New York Knicks took first ballot. With their pick they drafted All-American center Patrick Ewing.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Earl "the Pearl" Monroe (1971–1980)

Aside from leading the Knicks to an NBA title in 1973, "Earl the Pearl" managed to become a four-time NBA All-Star, was named NBA Rookie of the Year in 1968, and was inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame.

Known for his flashy dribbling and graceful style on the court, Earl Monroe paved the way for other "streetball"-style players in the NBA.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
23	59	.455	.362	.726	12.6	28.8	41.4	17.9	6.8	3.3	17.7	26.3	95.6

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Eddy Curry
Power Forward	Channing Frye
Small Forward	Quentin Richardson
Shooting Guard	Jamal Crawford
Point Guard	Stephon Marbury

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Steve Francis	Shooting Guard	83
Stephon Marbury	Point Guard	82
Jamal Crawford	Shooting Guard	75
Eddy Curry	Center	74
Quentin Richardson	Small Forward	73
Channing Frye	Power Forward	72
Jalen Rose	Small Forward	71
Nate Robinson	Point Guard	69
Maurice Taylor	Power Forward	66
Malik Rose	Power Forward	65
Renaldo Balkman	Small Forward	64
Mardy Collins	Point Guard	64
David Lee	Power Forward	61
Jerome James	Center	57
Ime Udoka	Shooting Guard	54

PLAYING AS

The Knicks don't have any viable Superstars on which to base your defense or offense. That being the case, flow your offense through Stephon Marbury to Steve Francis.

Because Eddy Curry and Marbury are your only defensive stars, rely on them to slow down your opponents. Lock down the outside offense with Marbury and stay inside with Curry.

PLAYING AGAINST

There's not much to it. Because the Knicks aren't necessarily stacked at any particular position, finding a way around their Star players depends on your style of play. Take their Stars—Curry, Marbury, and Francis—out of the equation and run your kind of game.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Eddy Curry	Power
Stephon Marbury	Outside Shooter, Playmaker, Outside Stopper
Steve Francis	Highflyer, Inside Scorer

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Eddy Curry	Center	60	0	63	85	80	75	9
Channing Frye	Power Forward	71	10	82	75	70	60	45
Quentin Richardson	Small Forward	71	79	67	70	51	75	26
Jamal Crawford	Shooting Guard	75	77	82	57	54	74	75
Stephon Marbury	Point Guard	75	71	75	30	50	80	88
Steve Francis	Shooting Guard	75	55	77	84	55	80	76
Jalen Rose	Small Forward	70	73	78	58	62	73	36
Nate Robinson	Point Guard	65	65	75	75	55	60	65
Maurice Taylor	Power Forward	58	26	69	73	69	61	23
Jerome James	Center	42	0	62	64	65	57	9
Malik Rose	Power Forward	59	10	78	65	60	63	19
David Lee	Power Forward	55	1	57	80	64	46	30
Renaldo Balkman	Small Forward	41	29	53	71	60	21	29
Mardy Collins	Point Guard	59	56	59	60	45	50	65
Ime Udoka	Shooting Guard	31	55	50	55	49	33	50

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Eddy Curry	Center	20	50	68	53	53
Channing Frye	Power Forward	41	68	67	56	60
Quentin Richardson	Small Forward	60	14	47	69	70
Jamal Crawford	Shooting Guard	62	10	31	80	79
Stephon Marbury	Point Guard	75	1	75	90	85
Steve Francis	Shooting Guard	72	14	70	85	81
Jalen Rose	Small Forward	41	5	67	77	75
Nate Robinson	Point Guard	50	2	60	80	80
Maurice Taylor	Power Forward	36	23	52	69	64
Jerome James	Center	30	67	49	30	34
Malik Rose	Power Forward	56	16	70	55	50
David Lee	Power Forward	32	28	38	60	70
Renaldo Balkman	Small Forward	61	48	63	80	80
Mardy Collins	Point Guard	22	7	60	69	72
Ime Udoka	Shooting Guard	25	22	37	65	70

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Eddy Curry	Center	77	81	79	89
Channing Frye	Power Forward	70	75	70	70
Quentin Richardson	Small Forward	25	70	79	64
Jamal Crawford	Shooting Guard	9	33	77	40
Stephon Marbury	Point Guard	11	30	79	71
Steve Francis	Shooting Guard	33	53	85	50
Jalen Rose	Small Forward	12	44	56	60
Nate Robinson	Point Guard	5	24	85	40
Maurice Taylor	Power Forward	40	72	50	73
Jerome James	Center	52	65	50	80
Malik Rose	Power Forward	70	70	50	75
David Lee	Power Forward	45	50	69	58
Renaldo Balkman	Small Forward	23	50	80	50
Mardy Collins	Point Guard	16	58	61	58
Ime Udoka	Shooting Guard	33	34	60	37

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Eddy Curry	Center	79	89	53	53	32	62	80	39
Channing Frye	Power Forward	70	70	56	60	41	70	65	25
Quentin Richardson	Small Forward	79	64	69	70	69	78	45	39
Jamal Crawford	Shooting Guard	77	40	80	79	84	80	63	39
Stephon Marbury	Point Guard	79	71	90	85	88	86	85	66
Steve Francis	Shooting Guard	85	50	85	81	80	80	64	59
Jalen Rose	Small Forward	56	60	77	75	73	74	71	67
Nate Robinson	Point Guard	85	40	80	80	71	65	45	15
Maurice Taylor	Power Forward	50	73	69	64	62	50	50	59
Jerome James	Center	50	80	30	34	18	50	55	39
Malik Rose	Power Forward	50	75	55	50	30	50	65	39
David Lee	Power Forward	69	58	60	70	41	50	70	10
Renaldo Balkman	Small Forward	80	50	80	80	61	70	34	13
Mardy Collins	Point Guard	61	58	69	72	70	70	45	13
Ime Udoka	Shooting Guard	60	37	65	70	58	70	23	17

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ORLANDO MAGIC





Then...

The Orlando Magic began in 1989, opening their franchise record books with an 18–64 tally for their first season. They would continue to have mediocre seasons until the arrival of Shaquille O'Neal in 1992.

Now...

The loss of Steve Francis did very little to help the ailing franchise, which put up a 36–46 season in 2006. Prior to that, they lost star player Grant Hill for most of the season.

As rumors begin circling of Hill's possible retirement, the team may have to rally and press on without one of its biggest names.

HEAD COACH

>>> BRIAN HILL <<<

The "other" Hill in the Orlando franchise is head coach Brian Hill. Having already been head coach for the Magic between 1993 and 1997, Hill returned to Orlando in 2005.

In his first year back, Hill finished with a less-than-stellar .439 season. That's not bad considering he had lost a star player to injury.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> MAY 17, 1992 <<<

The day stands as one of the most memorable in Orlando Magic (and consequently NBA) history. That is the day that the Magic drafted NBA top prospect Shaquille O'Neal. He did for the Magic then what he did for the Lakers in 2000 and most recently for the Miami Heat.

His presence on the court elevates the players around him, creating one of the most dominant forces in the NBA.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Brian Hill (1993–1997, 2005–Present)

During Brian Hill's first stint as the Orlando Magic's head coach, he became the franchise's most successful coach. Leading the Magic to the NBA Finals in just two short years, Hill posted full-season records of .610, .695, and .732.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
36	46	.472	.376	.730	10.9	29.3	40.2	18.2	6.5	4.4	15.1	23.3	94.9

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Pat Garrity
Power Forward	Dwight Howard
Small Forward	Hedo Turkoglu
Shooting Guard	J.J. Redick
Point Guard	Jameer Nelson

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Dwight Howard	Power Forward	80
Grant Hill	Small Forward	77
Jameer Nelson	Point Guard	75
Keyon Dooling	Point Guard	72
Keith Bogans	Shooting Guard	69
Trevor Ariza	Shooting Guard	68
Darko Milicic	Power Forward	65
Hedo Turkoglu	Small Forward	66
Carlos Arroyo	Point Guard	64
DeShawn Stevenson	Shooting Guard	64
Pat Garrity	Center	63
J.J. Redick	Shooting Guard	59
James Augustine	Power Forward	57
Travis Diener	Point Guard	54

PLAYING AS

With Steve Francis gone, that leaves only Dwight Howard and Grant Hill as the Magic's Star players. Unfortunately, neither is a particularly adept scorer.

Your best shooter is Pat Garrity. He has a decent field goal stat and a slightly less impressive three-point shot. Rely on him and J.J. Redick to put up your points.

PLAYING AGAINST

About the only thing that the Magic have going for them is Hill and Howard's defensive skills. Watch out for Hill while shooting from the perimeter. Pick-and-Roll to lose Hill on the outside and get clean shots whenever possible.

Howard is a terror inside the paint. Don't drive directly at him; instead work around him and take midrange jumpers with higher scoring percentage.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Dwight Howard	Power, Inside Stopper
Grant Hill	Outside Stopper

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Pat Garrity	Center	87	75	81	55	56	64	14
Dwight Howard	Power Forward	55	0	59	82	75	70	15
Hedo Turkoglu	Small Forward	69	76	86	23	62	80	42
J.J. Redick	Shooting Guard	74	79	86	13	34	75	65
Jameer Nelson	Point Guard	66	79	78	10	60	75	80
Trevor Ariza	Shooting Guard	58	26	60	80	48	64	29
Keyon Dooling	Point Guard	63	61	83	80	53	60	54
Carlos Arroyo	Point Guard	65	59	77	0	48	60	86
Darko Milicic	Power Forward	56	55	56	63	68	60	12
DeShawn Stevenson	Shooting Guard	52	50	74	89	54	75	30
Keith Bogans	Shooting Guard	65	66	68	65	43	75	36
Travis Diener	Point Guard	60	67	83	0	40	45	65
Grant Hill	Small Forward	82	21	76	64	63	84	46
James Augustine	Power Forward	57	1	65	57	57	49	11

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Pat Garrity	Center	35	14	51	60	61
Dwight Howard	Power Forward	52	75	77	56	60
Hedo Turkoglu	Small Forward	41	16	35	61	69
J.J. Redick	Shooting Guard	33	1	47	77	69
Jameer Nelson	Point Guard	70	1	60	87	87
Trevor Ariza	Shooting Guard	83	19	48	55	72
Keyon Dooling	Point Guard	59	14	50	89	87
Carlos Arroyo	Point Guard	54	3	53	79	73
Darko Milicic	Power Forward	14	64	63	70	67
DeShawn Stevenson	Shooting Guard	25	12	33	75	71
Keith Bogans	Shooting Guard	68	7	54	65	73
Travis Diener	Point Guard	38	3	41	60	73
Grant Hill	Small Forward	75	34	82	80	80
James Augustine	Power Forward	10	21	59	60	60

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Pat Garrity	Center	16	56	40	67
Dwight Howard	Power Forward	85	85	74	85
Hedo Turkoglu	Small Forward	28	51	37	55
J.J. Redick	Shooting Guard	1	22	34	52
Jameer Nelson	Point Guard	25	46	40	55
Trevor Ariza	Shooting Guard	51	58	86	47
Keyon Dooling	Point Guard	7	35	67	48
Carlos Arroyo	Point Guard	14	28	40	57
Darko Milicic	Power Forward	8	75	35	69
DeShawn Stevenson	Shooting Guard	28	30	87	57
Keith Bogans	Shooting Guard	33	43	70	60
Travis Diener	Point Guard	12	26	35	32
Grant Hill	Small Forward	29	59	64	65
James Augustine	Power Forward	55	60	60	65

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Pat Garrity	Center	40	67	60	61	58	50	60	39
Dwight Howard	Power Forward	74	85	56	60	50	73	80	78
Hedo Turkoglu	Small Forward	37	55	61	69	67	59	70	39
J.J. Redick	Shooting Guard	34	52	77	69	70	85	75	85
Jameer Nelson	Point Guard	40	55	87	87	80	71	80	25
Trevor Ariza	Shooting Guard	86	47	55	72	65	50	70	35
Keyon Dooling	Point Guard	67	48	89	87	76	50	66	39
Carlos Arroyo	Point Guard	40	57	79	73	77	50	70	59
Darko Milicic	Power Forward	35	69	70	67	50	64	60	61
DeShawn Stevenson	Shooting Guard	87	57	75	71	62	70	35	39
Keith Bogans	Shooting Guard	70	60	65	73	62	57	65	39
Travis Diener	Point Guard	35	32	60	73	65	50	65	10
Grant Hill	Small Forward	64	65	80	80	78	74	40	79
James Augustine	Power Forward	60	65	60	60	35	63	43	8

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PHILADELPHIA 76ERS





Then...

The Philadelphia 76ers began as the Syracuse Nationals in 1946, *not* the Philadelphia Warriors (who would later become the Golden State Warriors). After the Philadelphia Warriors moved to San Francisco, the Nationals relocated to Philadelphia in 1963 and took the new name.

Now...

The modern-day 76ers have been Allen Iverson's team for the better part of the decade. They have attempted to build a team around the dynamic point guard, meeting with moderate success. Since his arrival, they have made it to the playoffs six times in 10 years.

HEAD COACH

>>> MAURICE CHEEKS <<<

Coach Cheeks is a Philadelphian through and through. Not only has he taken head-coaching duties in Philadelphia, but he also spent 11 seasons of his NBA career with the team.

When his career as an NBA player came to an end, Cheeks moved on to coaching, including as head coach of the Portland Trail Blazers. Since then he has moved back to Philadelphia, where he now coaches the 76ers.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> THE GREATER GOOD OF '67 <<<

By 1967, Wilt "the Stilt" Chamberlain had led the NBA in scoring an astounding seven consecutive years. When new coach Alex Hannum took over coaching duties in Philly, however, all that changed.

Hannum contended that Chamberlain would be more effective if he passed more often, creating other scoring opportunities. Come post-season, Hannum had changed Chamberlain's play style. The change paid off. Chamberlain didn't make it eight years in a row as the NBA's top scorer, but the 76ers finally had their first championship.

NOTABLE FIGURE

"Dr. J" Julius Erving (1976–1987)

Dr. J came to the 76ers after failed negotiations with the New Jersey Nets in 1976. During his stay in Philly, Erving achieved some of his most impressive accomplishments. He was named NBA MVP in 1981, took the Sixers to the top in 1983, winning the NBA title, and appeared in 11 consecutive All-Star games.

Known as "the Doctor" since high school, Erving ushered in NBA's current high-flying style of play.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
38	44	.458	.364	.760	10.6	29.6	40.2	20.2	7.9	4.9	14.1	20.9	99.4

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Samuel Dalembert
Power Forward	Chris Webber
Small Forward	Andre Iguodala
Shooting Guard	Kyle Korver
Point Guard	Allen Iverson

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Allen Iverson	Point Guard	90
Andre Iguodala	Small Forward	85
Chris Webber	Power Forward	81
Samuel Dalembert	Center	75
Willie Green	Shooting Guard	68
Kyle Korver	Shooting Guard	67
Rodney Carney	Small Forward	65
Steven Hunter	Center	64
Shavlik Randolph	Center	63
Kevin Ollie	Point Guard	60
Bobby Jones	Small Forward	60
Louis Williams	Shooting Guard	57

PLAYING AS

Though Philadelphia's overall team rating falls in the eighties, its roster is loaded with Superstar and Star talent. Between Iverson, Chris Webber, Kyle Korver, and Andre Iguodala, you can run the court in whatever offensive style suits you best.

On defense, use Samuel Dalembert's stopping power while Iverson and Iguodala patrol the perimeter.

PLAYING AGAINST

Good luck trying to contain the Sixers with one defensive scheme. Because they are able to shoot from pretty much anywhere on the court, switch up your D depending on who is doing most of the work.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

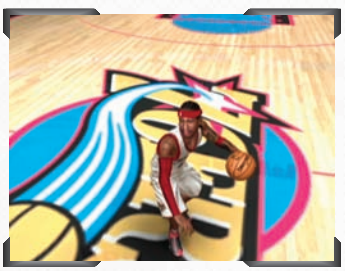
STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Chris Webber	Inside Scorer
Andre Iguodala	Inside Stopper, Outside Stopper
Kyle Korver	Shooter

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Samuel Dalembert	Inside Stopper
Andre Iguodala	Highflyer
Allen Iverson	Outside Scorer, Playmaker, Outside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Samuel Dalembert	Center	42	10	70	75	55	62	8
Chris Webber	Power Forward	75	52	75	66	80	81	64
Andre Iguodala	Small Forward	61	70	75	91	66	67	33
Kyle Korver	Shooting Guard	80	81	84	23	35	67	50
Allen Iverson	Point Guard	85	70	81	40	60	93	90
Steven Hunter	Center	53	0	51	72	63	62	5
Kevin Ollie	Point Guard	41	32	83	0	25	46	83
Willie Green	Shooting Guard	65	61	80	69	56	78	44
Louis Williams	Shooting Guard	56	45	61	70	40	46	45
Rodney Carney	Small Forward	45	57	71	75	53	21	31
Shavlik Randolph	Center	53	19	60	64	64	62	19
Bobby Jones	Small Forward	59	50	74	60	50	37	23

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Samuel Dalembert	Center	46	84	81	57	62
Chris Webber	Power Forward	68	39	76	59	60
Andre Iguodala	Small Forward	81	75	80	81	84
Kyle Korver	Shooting Guard	60	19	42	60	69
Allen Iverson	Point Guard	89	10	90	99	99
Steven Hunter	Center	6	82	58	56	52
Kevin Ollie	Point Guard	67	9	51	67	66
Willie Green	Shooting Guard	57	9	47	66	68
Louis Williams	Shooting Guard	34	3	25	70	70
Rodney Carney	Small Forward	45	55	63	69	72
Shavlik Randolph	Center	22	57	54	53	58
Bobby Jones	Small Forward	34	16	67	63	68

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Samuel Dalembert	Center	76	85	63	71
Chris Webber	Power Forward	43	86	53	75
Andre Iguodala	Small Forward	21	75	91	45
Kyle Korver	Shooting Guard	11	67	43	54
Allen Iverson	Point Guard	12	40	80	37
Steven Hunter	Center	72	64	70	63
Kevin Ollie	Point Guard	14	56	50	53
Willie Green	Shooting Guard	15	54	65	57
Louis Williams	Shooting Guard	14	21	70	29
Rodney Carney	Small Forward	33	63	80	30
Shavlik Randolph	Center	60	66	60	55
Bobby Jones	Small Forward	19	55	60	44

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Samuel Dalembert	Center	63	71	57	62	43	69	70	20
Chris Webber	Power Forward	53	75	59	60	59	63	69	84
Andre Iguodala	Small Forward	91	45	81	84	69	70	67	24
Kyle Korver	Shooting Guard	43	54	60	69	58	73	70	39
Allen Iverson	Point Guard	80	37	99	99	99	91	90	90
Steven Hunter	Center	70	63	56	52	36	50	58	39
Kevin Ollie	Point Guard	50	53	67	66	69	50	74	39
Willie Green	Shooting Guard	65	57	66	68	60	50	60	39
Louis Williams	Shooting Guard	70	29	70	70	70	50	70	10
Rodney Carney	Small Forward	80	30	69	72	60	70	41	11
Shavlik Randolph	Center	60	55	53	58	24	50	72	27
Bobby Jones	Small Forward	60	44	63	68	60	70	38	10

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PHOENIX SUNS





Then...

Another 1968 expansion team, the Phoenix Suns are one of a few teams to win their first game ever—they beat the Seattle SuperSonics 116–107. After winning four of their first seven games, they finished off the season with a record typical of first-year expansion teams, 16–66.

Now...

Modern-day Phoenix Suns fans have a lot to be happy about. In a recent string of moves, the Suns landed league MVP Steve Nash and vastly improved their offense. They went from a dismal 29–53 record three years prior to reaching the conference finals in 2005–2006. They finished the 2005 regular season with a 54–28 record.

HEAD COACH

>>> MIKE D'ANTONI <<<

Mike D'Antoni took over as the Suns' head coach in 2002. Having tried his hand as head coach of the Denver Nuggets in 1998–1999, D'Antoni was no stranger to coaching in the NBA.

Upon arrival in Phoenix he would take the helm of the NBA's youngest team and coach it to steady, marked improvement throughout his first year.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> THE GREATEST GAME EVER <<<

It was June 4, 1976, when the Phoenix Suns met the Boston Celtics in game five of the NBA Finals. Phoenix was playing on the road against the heavily favored Boston Celtics in a tied series.

After grueling minutes of back-and-forth gameplay, the game went into double overtime. In an unexpected chain of events, with time left for one more inbound ball, Suns player Gar Heard sunk a miracle ball to send the game into *triple* overtime. The Celtics would eventually pull ahead, taking the game, then the series.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Kevin Johnson (1987–2000)

Kevin Johnson has perhaps one of the more heart-warming stories of any NBA player. He made his mark during a 10-year career with the Phoenix Suns. Originally drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers, Johnson was almost immediately traded to Phoenix, where he would spend the rest of his career.

Johnson finished his career with an average of 19 points per game and 10 assists per game. He

NOTE

Prior to joining the NBA, Johnson was drafted as a pitcher by the Oakland Athletics Major League Baseball team.

2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
54	28	.479	.399	.806	9.5	32.3	41.8	26.6	6.7	5.0	13.3	20.5	108.4

NOTABLE FIGURE

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enjoyed a great deal of success as an NBA player, but some of his most tangible contributions came off the court when he became a prominent part of his hometown Sacramento community, helping revitalize the downtown Sacramento area.

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Amare Stoudemire
Power Forward	Shawn Marion
Small Forward	Boris Diaw
Shooting Guard	Raja Bell
Point Guard	Steve Nash

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Amare Stoudemire	Center	93
Shawn Marion	Power Forward	93
Steve Nash	Point Guard	87
Boris Diaw	Small Forward	84
Raja Bell	Shooting Guard	74
Leandro Barbosa	Shooting Guard	74
Kurt Thomas	Center	73
James Jones	Small Forward	72
Brian Grant	Power Forward	65
Eddie House	Point Guard	64
Pat Burke	Center	60
Eric Piatkowski	Shooting Guard	61
Dijon Thompson	Small Forward	55

PLAYING AS

The Suns are easily one of the most stacked teams in the NBA. Nash, Amare Stoudemire, and Shawn Marion alone can take on the lesser-ranked teams in NBA. Add to that Raja Bell, Marion, and Stoudemire's defensive abilities, and you have a team easily capable of going all the way.

Your offense begins with Nash. Have him spread the ball around to Stoudemire and Marion when not racking up points of his own.

PLAYING AGAINST

Be flexible against the Suns. Begin by accepting the fact that they will score points, lots and lots of points. Your objective is not to stop them, but to slow them down just long enough to make some of your own.

Luckily, their defense isn't as potent as their offense, but it is close. Be flexible in your coverage and don't try to do too much, like keeping Nash or Stoudemire constantly double-teamed.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Amare Stoudemire	Highflyer
Shawn Marion	Highflyer, Inside Scorer, Inside Stopper, Outside Stopper

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Amare Stoudemire	Inside Scorer, Power, Inside Stopper
Raja Bell	Outside Stopper
Steve Nash	Outside Scorer, Playmaker, Shooter





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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Amare Stoudemire	Center	75	19	70	98	89	89	39
Shawn Marion	Power Forward	75	65	80	80	87	89	23
Boris Diaw	Small Forward	67	41	74	70	69	70	73
Raja Bell	Shooting Guard	64	79	74	59	58	72	43
Steve Nash	Point Guard	86	87	92	0	60	99	99
Leandro Barbosa	Shooting Guard	50	73	75	67	65	76	56
Kurt Thomas	Center	75	14	78	65	64	60	26
James Jones	Small Forward	62	81	85	69	43	70	21
Brian Grant	Power Forward	65	0	72	69	55	43	14
Pat Burke	Center	50	14	69	66	64	66	14
Eddie House	Point Guard	74	80	85	0	43	73	56
Eric Piatkowski	Shooting Guard	64	81	80	10	48	73	29
Dijon Thompson	Small Forward	64	55	78	40	50	45	37

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Amare Stoudemire	Center	48	85	80	73	77
Shawn Marion	Power Forward	83	80	75	80	83
Boris Diaw	Small Forward	60	59	63	75	73
Raja Bell	Shooting Guard	80	7	90	80	75
Steve Nash	Point Guard	52	11	79	96	91
Leandro Barbosa	Shooting Guard	49	9	40	89	99
Kurt Thomas	Center	44	43	78	58	55
James Jones	Small Forward	41	32	63	65	70
Brian Grant	Power Forward	36	32	78	61	65
Pat Burke	Center	45	52	56	38	34
Eddie House	Point Guard	64	10	46	80	79
Eric Piatkowski	Shooting Guard	62	1	51	67	68
Dijon Thompson	Small Forward	38	6	40	63	65

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Amare Stoudemire	Center	66	87	90	93
Shawn Marion	Power Forward	60	86	85	55
Boris Diaw	Small Forward	57	75	70	65
Raja Bell	Shooting Guard	12	44	61	59
Steve Nash	Point Guard	19	48	65	51
Leandro Barbosa	Shooting Guard	23	47	53	39
Kurt Thomas	Center	67	92	50	66
James Jones	Small Forward	44	61	62	55
Brian Grant	Power Forward	70	71	55	77
Pat Burke	Center	59	60	45	68
Eddie House	Point Guard	14	39	50	42
Eric Piatkowski	Shooting Guard	14	39	40	57
Dijon Thompson	Small Forward	12	20	48	40

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Amare Stoudemire	Center	90	93	73	77	61	79	80	55
Shawn Marion	Power Forward	85	55	80	83	71	80	63	39
Boris Diaw	Small Forward	70	65	75	73	69	75	70	47
Raja Bell	Shooting Guard	61	59	80	75	62	67	58	50
Steve Nash	Point Guard	65	51	96	91	95	93	89	79
Leandro Barbosa	Shooting Guard	53	39	89	99	88	70	60	30
Kurt Thomas	Center	50	66	58	55	32	78	70	39
James Jones	Small Forward	62	55	65	70	69	67	65	59
Brian Grant	Power Forward	55	77	61	65	42	50	69	51
Pat Burke	Center	45	68	38	34	40	50	50	12
Eddie House	Point Guard	50	42	80	79	69	50	57	39
Eric Piatkowski	Shooting Guard	40	57	67	68	63	50	61	59
Dijon Thompson	Small Forward	48	40	63	65	61	50	70	10

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Then...

The Portland Trail Blazers hit the scene in 1970 and immediately started blazing a trail in the NBA, beating the Cleveland Cavaliers in their first game. Though they finished last in their division, they did fare better than other expansion teams that year.

Another team that was named in a contest, the Trail Blazers took their name from the pioneers who blazed a route along the Oregon Trail.

Now...

The Trail Blazers often had an easy time finding talented players. When you look back on the last few years, the Blazers almost seem to have had a revolving door ushering basketball talent in and out. Today's team is not as lucky. Lacking any big-name scoring threats, the Blazers rely on players like Darius Miles and Zach Randolph to put up their points.

HEAD COACH

>>> NATE MCMILLAN <<<

McMillan came to Portland from coaching in Seattle and compiling a .537 record while at the Sonics' helm. While in Seattle, McMillan enjoyed success that started in his first season as head coach.

Originally a player for the Sonics, McMillan was no stranger to the NBA. In his first year as Portland's head coach, the team went 21–61.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> 1976–1977 SEASON <<<

In the wake of the ABA's demise, the Portland Trail Blazers made plenty of moves to beef up their game. After signing new head coach Jack Ramsay, they nabbed players Maurice Lucas and Dave Twardzik from the ABA and retooled their offensive scheme.

They kicked off the season by winning 22 of their first 30 games and managed to ride that momentum all the way to the NBA Finals. There they toppled Julius Erving and the 76ers for their first NBA Championship in franchise history.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Clyde "the Glide" Drexler (1983–1995)

Clyde Drexler's graceful, high-flying style was said to have been effortless on his part. Clyde seemingly "glided" toward the basket, ball in hand upon takeoff. Because of that, he earned the nickname Clyde "the Glide" Drexler.

By the end of his career Clyde had become a 10-time NBA All-Star, won an Olympic gold medal with the Olympic Dream Team, and been part of an NBA championship team.

2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
21	61	.445	.349	.689	10.8	26.9	37.7	18.2	6.4	5.3	14.7	22.3	88.8

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Joel Przybilla
Power Forward	Zach Randolph
Small Forward	Darius Miles
Shooting Guard	Brandon Roy
Point Guard	Steve Blake

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Zach Randolph	Power Forward	76
Darius Miles	Small Forward	76
Raef LaFrentz	Center	73
Brandon Roy	Shooting Guard	72
Travis Outlaw	Small Forward	72
LaMarcus Aldridge	Center	71
Martell Webster	Shooting guard	71
Juan Dixon	Shooting Guard	68
Brian Skinner	Power Forward	67
Joel Przybilla	Center	64
Dan Dickau	Point Guard	66
Jarett Jack	Point Guard	64
Steve Blake	Point Guard	60
Viktor Khryapa	Small Forward	58
Ha Seung-Jin	Center	58

PLAYING AS

You're going to have to get creative with the Trail Blazers. The key to winning with the Blazers is adaptability. Adjust to your opponent's weaknesses and use your only Superstar player, Joel Przybilla, to lock down the defense.

PLAYING AGAINST

There aren't any high-profile scoring threats on the Trail Blazers, so watch for the offense to move the ball around a lot. When the rock is in Miles or Randolph's hands, pressure them into turnovers or low-percentage shots.

While on offense, attack the basket with your preferred style. But don't get too overconfident while inside; Przybilla is a good inside stopper.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

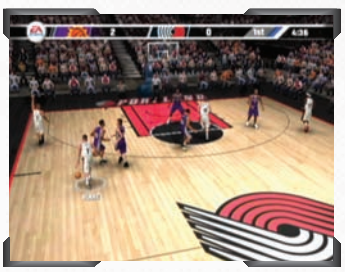
PLAYER	TYPE
Zach Randolph	Inside Scorer
Darius Miles	Highflyer

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Joel Przybilla	Inside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Joel Przybilla	Center	42	0	53	58	66	49	18
Zach Randolph	Power Forward	75	0	71	70	81	81	33
Darius Miles	Small Forward	43	41	53	82	67	77	36
Brandon Roy	Shooting Guard	68	65	81	57	62	69	65
Steve Blake	Point Guard	57	69	79	0	47	56	75
Raef LaFrentz	Center	70	70	81	53	64	76	21
Juan Dixon	Shooting Guard	69	75	80	10	50	77	50
LaMarcus Aldridge	Center	59	5	65	72	70	60	44
Dan Dickau	Point Guard	78	75	83	0	43	75	83
Martell Webster	Shooting guard	70	74	86	61	54	60	55
Jarett Jack	Point Guard	68	61	80	15	56	48	60
Travis Outlaw	Small Forward	60	61	70	80	56	66	21
Viktor Khryapa	Small Forward	61	41	69	20	53	48	22
Ha Seung-Jin	Center	43	11	50	65	65	65	29
Brian Skinner	Power Forward	45	0	52	66	55	46	21

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Joel Przybilla	Center	22	85	76	43	41
Zach Randolph	Power Forward	38	16	55	61	61
Darius Miles	Small Forward	80	67	66	70	75
Brandon Roy	Shooting Guard	61	1	65	77	75
Steve Blake	Point Guard	36	0	38	81	73
Raef LaFrentz	Center	33	72	51	50	57
Juan Dixon	Shooting Guard	73	5	42	91	79
LaMarcus Aldridge	Center	20	69	67	66	67
Dan Dickau	Point Guard	65	4	39	73	73
Martell Webster	Shooting guard	49	20	59	60	71
Jarett Jack	Point Guard	57	3	55	75	77
Travis Outlaw	Small Forward	68	65	43	71	70
Viktor Khryapa	Small Forward	68	54	59	61	59
Ha Seung-Jin	Center	15	30	39	51	45
Brian Skinner	Power Forward	59	82	64	45	52



REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Joel Przybilla	Center	73	89	50	70
Zach Randolph	Power Forward	74	85	65	86
Darius Miles	Small Forward	43	63	86	52
Brandon Roy	Shooting Guard	12	34	65	50
Steve Blake	Point Guard	22	43	30	37
Raef LaFrentz	Center	56	81	45	68
Juan Dixon	Shooting Guard	23	43	43	32
LaMarcus Aldridge	Center	50	70	67	55
Dan Dickau	Point Guard	12	36	40	53
Martell Webster	Shooting guard	34	41	55	55
Jarett Jack	Point Guard	18	21	55	51
Travis Outlaw	Small Forward	40	53	90	51
Viktor Khryapa	Small Forward	43	74	60	51
Ha Seung-Jin	Center	44	51	30	94
Brian Skinner	Power Forward	79	81	50	83

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Joel Przybilla	Center	50	70	43	41	28	67	40	39
Zach Randolph	Power Forward	65	86	61	61	61	70	81	39
Darius Miles	Small Forward	86	52	70	75	60	70	55	39
Brandon Roy	Shooting Guard	65	50	77	75	75	75	50	45
Steve Blake	Point Guard	30	37	81	73	85	70	38	59
Raef LaFrentz	Center	45	68	50	57	53	64	47	59
Juan Dixon	Shooting Guard	43	32	91	79	71	67	60	80
LaMarcus Aldridge	Center	67	55	66	67	57	69	56	20
Dan Dickau	Point Guard	40	53	73	73	70	65	50	79
Martell Webster	Shooting guard	55	55	60	71	62	60	70	22
Jarett Jack	Point Guard	55	51	75	77	77	50	70	18
Travis Outlaw	Small Forward	90	51	71	70	59	50	55	39
Viktor Khryapa	Small Forward	60	51	61	59	51	50	75	35
Ha Seung-Jin	Center	30	94	51	45	42	50	75	35
Brian Skinner	Power Forward	50	83	45	52	24	50	66	39

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SACRAMENTO KINGS





Then...

Before they were the Sacramento Kings, they were the Kansas City Kings. Before they were the Kansas City Kings, they were the Cincinnati Royals, and before *that* they were the Rochester Royals.

Ever since their start as the Rochester Royals in 1945, they have been royalty. Once they moved to Sacramento as the Kings in 1985, they began their trek toward becoming one of the most thrilling teams in the NBA.

Now...

Now, the Kings have begun to lose some of their luster from previous years. After several failed attempts at a championship, the Kings continue to fall short in the playoffs, leaving the NBA title just out of reach.

After star player Peja Stojakovic left the team in a trade for Ron Artest, the Kings have reinvented themselves over the last few years.

HEAD COACH

>>> ERIC MUSSELMAN <<<

Musselman takes over the head coaching position in Sacramento after six-year head coach Rick Adelman lost the position due to lackluster playoff seasons.

Prior to taking the Kings' coaching spot, Musselman spent time with several teams across different positions. He has worked with the Golden State Warriors, the Memphis Grizzlies, and the Orlando Magic.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> 2000–2001 SEASON <<<

Without a doubt, 2000–2001 was the greatest season in franchise history. The Sacramento Kings returned in 2000 after two consecutive playoff runs. Finishing the season with a 55–27 team record, the Kings reached the second round of the NBA playoffs for the first time in 20 years.

They didn't make it past their rival, the Los Angeles Lakers, but the season became the peak of the Kings' modern era.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Nate "Tiny" Archibald (1970–1976)

You have to admit, men nicknamed "Tiny" don't usually excel in something that requires size, like the NBA. Nate "Tiny" Archibald did just that.

During his best year in the NBA, Archibald led the league in scoring with 34.0 points per game and in assists with 11.4 per game. He is the only player to do so.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
44	38	.454	.351	.784	10.4	30.2	40.5	22.3	7.4	3.6	14.6	20.4	98.9

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Brad Miller
Power Forward	Shareef Abdur-Rahim
Small Forward	Ron Artest
Shooting Guard	Kevin Martin
Point Guard	Mike Bibby

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Ron Artest	Small Forward	87
Mike Bibby	Point Guard	82
Brad Miller	Center	80
Shareef Abdur-Rahim	Power Forward	74
Kevin Martin	Shooting Guard	70
Kenny Thomas	Power Forward	69
Jason Hart	Point Guard	68
Corliss Williamson	Small Forward	66
Sergei Monia	Shooting Guard	64
Quincy Douby	Shooting Guard	64
Francisco Garcia	Shooting Guard	62
Vitaly Potapenko	Center	61
Ronnie Price	Point Guard	61

PLAYING AS

Run your plays through Sacramento's playmaker, Mike Bibby. The 6'2" point guard is the team's most talented player. Aside from being a Star playmaker, he can also shoot from the perimeter, making him a long-distance threat.

A strong defender who can lock down the outside, Ron Artest provides a solid start to a flexible defense.

PLAYING AGAINST

Stay on Bibby while on D. After losing star shooter Peja Stojakovic, the Kings' most prolific shooter is Bibby. Shut him down to slow their offense. On offense, try to work the interior. Artest is strong outside, so watch out for him.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

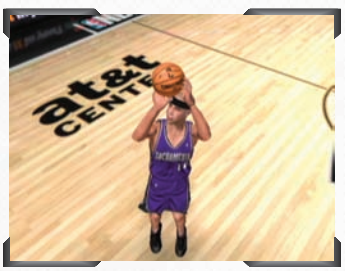
STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Ron Artest	Inside Scorer
Mike Bibby	Playmaker, Shooter

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Ron Artest	Outside Stopper
Mike Bibby	Outside Scorer







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Shareef Abdur-Rahim	Power Forward	65	38	78	68	79	80	42
Ron Artest	Small Forward	75	77	67	69	80	85	36
Mike Bibby	Point Guard	83	84	85	33	58	88	85
Quincy Douby	Shooting Guard	60	70	82	57	56	45	56
Francisco Garcia	Shooting Guard	74	74	77	23	39	53	53
Jason Hart	Point Guard	52	61	66	15	33	70	87
Kevin Martin	Shooting Guard	57	60	84	80	48	54	22
Brad Miller	Center	64	60	82	57	86	75	65
Sergei Monia	Shooting Guard	45	30	71	70	58	40	42
Vitaly Potapenko	Center	55	0	58	49	68	65	12
Ronnie Price	Point Guard	61	58	75	8	34	60	70
Kenny Thomas	Power Forward	56	8	67	52	74	75	33
Corliss Williamson	Small Forward	64	0	77	52	77	78	23

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Shareef Abdur-Rahim	Power Forward	46	22	53	60	62
Ron Artest	Small Forward	85	67	92	80	69
Mike Bibby	Point Guard	73	14	60	83	87
Quincy Douby	Shooting Guard	22	12	59	72	75
Francisco Garcia	Shooting Guard	41	34	40	65	65
Jason Hart	Point Guard	84	10	66	79	74
Kevin Martin	Shooting Guard	64	9	75	70	75
Brad Miller	Center	59	52	60	62	58
Sergei Monia	Shooting Guard	55	40	63	50	53
Vitaly Potapenko	Center	38	14	47	42	47
Ronnie Price	Point Guard	57	12	55	58	61
Kenny Thomas	Power Forward	56	12	41	69	68
Corliss Williamson	Small Forward	44	14	55	62	74

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Shareef Abdur-Rahim	Power Forward	57	78	52	75
Ron Artest	Small Forward	21	70	63	81
Mike Bibby	Point Guard	19	43	64	51
Quincy Douby	Shooting Guard	11	59	61	33
Francisco Garcia	Shooting Guard	22	26	51	46
Jason Hart	Point Guard	7	51	55	45
Kevin Martin	Shooting Guard	50	60	70	39
Brad Miller	Center	53	81	50	75
Sergei Monia	Shooting Guard	54	62	55	57
Vitaly Potapenko	Center	70	72	44	93
Ronnie Price	Point Guard	34	51	62	34
Kenny Thomas	Power Forward	68	76	50	75
Corliss Williamson	Small Forward	54	53	50	75

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Shareef Abdur-Rahim	Power Forward	52	75	60	62	50	72	60	79
Ron Artest	Small Forward	63	81	80	69	69	70	85	59
Mike Bibby	Point Guard	64	51	83	87	84	83	75	99
Quincy Douby	Shooting Guard	61	33	72	75	69	74	39	11
Francisco Garcia	Shooting Guard	51	46	65	65	64	50	65	40
Jason Hart	Point Guard	55	45	79	74	72	59	55	39
Kevin Martin	Shooting Guard	70	39	70	75	57	50	70	30
Brad Miller	Center	50	75	62	58	38	76	70	39
Sergei Monia	Shooting Guard	55	57	50	53	32	60	75	30
Vitaly Potapenko	Center	44	93	42	47	28	50	87	39
Ronnie Price	Point Guard	62	34	58	61	68	55	37	18
Kenny Thomas	Power Forward	50	75	69	68	65	66	54	19
Corliss Williamson	Small Forward	50	75	62	74	57	51	85	59

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SAN ANTONIO SPURS





Then...

The 1967 Dallas Chaparrals were one of the eleven teams that kicked off the ABA. After a short, seven-year stay in Dallas, the team was moved to San Antonio and renamed the Spurs.

The Spurs were not supposed to stay in San Antonio; they were only meant to test the waters for three years. Once it was established that the team had enough support, the team stayed and made San Antonio its home.

Now...

Today the Spurs are one of the few elite NBA teams. Having won three championships in the last seven years, they have made their mark on the league with amazing performances in the post-season.

Led by dominant center Tim Duncan, the team is currently in an era that most will probably look back on as the peak of franchise history.

HEAD COACH

>>> GREGG POPOVICH <<<

The 2003 Head Coach of the Year has been leading the Spurs in successful seasons since his arrival in 1995. Since then Gregg Popovich has led them to three NBA championships and seven playoff appearances.

As one of only a few coaches currently in the NBA with multiple NBA championships to his credit, Popovich holds a career winning percentage of .661.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> CAPPING OFF A CAREER <<<

Winning the 2002–2003 championship title was but one of the season-ending highlights. That season, the Spurs won their second straight NBA title following an amazing season.

Most notable, however, was the retirement of long-time San Antonio fixture David Robinson. In his final season, the NBA legend won a second title, capping off an impressive career with the franchise.

NOTABLE FIGURE

David Robinson (1989–2003)

As the Spurs' long-standing franchise phenom, David "the Admiral" Robinson spent his entire career with San Antonio. While there he helped lead them to back-to-back championships, and was an integral part of the Olympic Gold-winning Dream Team.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
63	19	.472	.385	.702	10.4	31.1	41.5	20.9	6.6	5.7	13.7	20.9	95.6

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Tim Duncan
Power Forward	Robert Horry
Small Forward	Bruce Bowen
Shooting Guard	Manu Ginobili
Point Guard	Tony Parker

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Tim Duncan	Center	91
Manu Ginobili	Shooting Guard	86
Tony Parker	Point Guard	81
Michael Finley	Shooting Guard	78
Robert Horry	Power Forward	72
Bruce Bowen	Small Forward	70
Brent Barry	Point Guard	68
Beno Udrih	Point Guard	65
Eric Williams	Small Forward	64
Matt Bonner	Power Forward	63
Fabricio Oberto	Center	60
Jacque Vaughn	Point Guard	57
Jackie Butler	Center	55
Melvin Sanders	Small Forward	48

PLAYING AS

As another one of the NBA's elite teams, the Spurs are loaded with talent. Your offense starts with Tony Parker. Work the ball around to Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili to run the court.

While on D, use Duncan and Bruce Bowen to stuff the offense. Bowen is a great man to press the perimeter, and obviously, Duncan is your inside man.

PLAYING AGAINST

Steer clear of Duncan. When he has the ball, he is a hard man to stop. The best you can do is slow him down. Other than that, mix up *your* play style to keep the ball moving.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

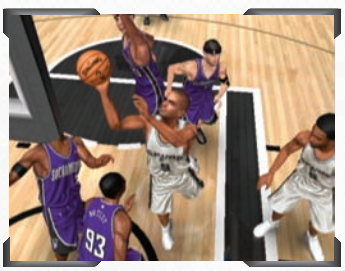
STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Tim Duncan	Power
Manu Ginobili	Inside Scorer, Outside Scorer, Playmaker

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Tim Duncan	Inside Scorer, Inside Stopper
Bruce Bowen	Outside Stopper
Tony Parker	Inside Scorer, Playmaker







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Brent Barry	Point Guard	74	80	66	80	44	65	66
Matt Bonner	Power Forward	64	73	78	40	52	72	14
Bruce Bowen	Small Forward	66	72	60	34	51	48	22
Tim Duncan	Center	85	22	62	85	99	93	50
Michael Finley	Shooting Guard	74	77	85	75	60	75	35
Manu Ginobili	Shooting Guard	81	74	80	80	80	82	80
Robert Horry	Power Forward	68	73	64	57	48	60	28
Fabricio Oberto	Center	53	25	48	25	70	58	46
Tony Parker	Point Guard	80	60	65	5	75	89	84
Melvin Sanders	Small Forward	43	33	70	59	23	33	45
Beno Udrih	Point Guard	59	75	75	35	40	78	63
Jacque Vaughn	Point Guard	63	37	83	0	40	49	46
Jackie Butler	Center	30	0	75	61	69	45	34
Eric Williams	Small Forward	54	63	69	58	57	60	33

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Brent Barry	Point Guard	40	18	39	66	69
Matt Bonner	Power Forward	44	19	55	44	44
Bruce Bowen	Small Forward	81	23	90	85	68
Tim Duncan	Center	36	90	96	65	66
Michael Finley	Shooting Guard	36	10	78	75	75
Manu Ginobili	Shooting Guard	84	19	74	84	83
Robert Horry	Power Forward	61	63	76	61	61
Fabricio Oberto	Center	35	35	51	62	65
Tony Parker	Point Guard	65	1	77	99	99
Melvin Sanders	Small Forward	11	21	22	65	60
Beno Udrih	Point Guard	65	12	53	65	70
Jacque Vaughn	Point Guard	52	0	68	69	74
Jackie Butler	Center	27	30	35	55	55
Eric Williams	Small Forward	52	3	54	72	75

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Brent Barry	Point Guard	10	49	55	52
Matt Bonner	Power Forward	56	60	40	67
Bruce Bowen	Small Forward	15	46	60	48
Tim Duncan	Center	74	94	60	85
Michael Finley	Shooting Guard	15	47	70	63
Manu Ginobili	Shooting Guard	26	55	70	51
Robert Horry	Power Forward	51	67	42	48
Fabricio Oberto	Center	35	48	40	68
Tony Parker	Point Guard	12	47	60	43
Melvin Sanders	Small Forward	12	15	55	60
Beno Udrih	Point Guard	11	30	55	56
Jacque Vaughn	Point Guard	8	33	50	51
Jackie Butler	Center	48	50	40	73
Eric Williams	Small Forward	26	50	50	58

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Brent Barry	Point Guard	55	52	66	69	65	70	53	59
Matt Bonner	Power Forward	40	67	44	44	36	50	75	12
Bruce Bowen	Small Forward	60	48	85	68	56	72	90	39
Tim Duncan	Center	60	85	65	66	35	71	85	99
Michael Finley	Shooting Guard	70	63	75	75	77	77	95	79
Manu Ginobili	Shooting Guard	70	51	84	83	80	66	70	59
Robert Horry	Power Forward	42	48	61	61	59	50	73	85
Fabricio Oberto	Center	40	68	62	65	48	60	75	20
Tony Parker	Point Guard	60	43	99	99	88	89	85	67
Melvin Sanders	Small Forward	55	60	65	60	40	65	33	23
Beno Udrih	Point Guard	55	56	65	70	61	50	70	30
Jacque Vaughn	Point Guard	50	51	69	74	73	50	45	39
Jackie Butler	Center	40	73	55	55	36	50	70	30
Eric Williams	Small Forward	50	58	72	75	55	53	65	59

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SEATTLE SONICS





Then...

As one of the two new expansion teams added in 1968, the Seattle SuperSonics kicked off their franchise with a less-than-stellar season. Though it is common for expansion teams to finish with losing records, the Sonics' first season was as bad as some other expansion teams' inaugural seasons.

It took seven years for the Sonics to make it to the playoffs for the first time. Once there, they made themselves a part of the playoff lineup for the next five years.

Now...

The Sonics reveled in a hard-fought season capped by a division championship in 2005. Not only were fans pleased, but they were also surprised, as most didn't expect much from the team prior to the season.

During the 2005–2006 season, however, the team finished with a 35–47 record, leaving fans a bit disappointed.

HEAD COACH

>>> BOB HILL <<<

Coach Hill spent a few seasons with the Sonics as assistant coach prior to accepting the head coach position. Before being a Sonics assistant coach, however, Hill spent time with the wildly successful San Antonio Spurs.

Now he applies his 30-plus years of NBA expertise to the head coaching position in Seattle.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> THE TOM CHAMBERS FACTOR <<<

One of Seattle's most memorable moments happened in Seattle and with a Seattle player, but it was not a Seattle game. During the 1987 NBA All-Star Game, Seattle SuperSonics player Tom Chambers came off the bench to score 34 points in a come-from-behind victory.

Most impressive were the 18 points he posted in the fourth quarter and overtime. He won MVP honors.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Gus "the Wizard" Williams (1977–1984)

Gus Williams spent seven years as a Sonic. During that time, "the Wizard" ruled the court with his dazzling style of play and led the Sonics to their first, and only, NBA Championship. During his championship year, Williams averaged 28.6 points per game.

2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
35	47	.459	.371	.785	12.4	27.2	39.6	20.7	7.6	3.7	14.7	23.6	102.6

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Robert Swift
Power Forward	Chris Wilcox
Small Forward	Rashard Lewis
Shooting Guard	Ray Allen
Point Guard	Luke Ridnour

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Ray Allen	Shooting Guard	88
Rashard Lewis	Small Forward	83
Chris Wilcox	Power Forward	75
Luke Ridnour	Point Guard	72
Robert Swift	Center	70
Nick Collison	Power Forward	68
Danny Fortson	Center	66
Earl Watson	Point Guard	66
Damien Wilkins	Shooting Guard	65
Mikki Moore	Power Forward	59
Johan Petro	Center	58
Mickael Gelabale	Small Forward	56
Noel Felix	Small Forward	55
Saer Sene	Center	55

PLAYING AS

The Sonics are all offense. Luke Ridnour is a great playmaker with capable hands. Play a perimeter game with Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis while occasionally dishing the ball inside to Robert Swift.

Defense is a bit trickier. Switch out players depending on what your opponent is doing.

PLAYING AGAINST

Because the Sonics are good shooters, patrol the perimeter to ensure they don't have an easy time running up the points. Stay on Allen and shut him down outside, forcing him to go inside, where he is less effective.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Rashard Lewis	Inside Scoring, Outside Scoring, Shooter
Luke Ridnour	Playmaker

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Ray Allen	Outside Scorer, Shooter







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Ray Allen	Shooting Guard	91	90	90	81	52	91	67
Nick Collison	Power Forward	57	0	70	62	63	62	11
Noel Felix	Small Forward	51	72	62	70	34	33	37
Danny Fortson	Center	52	0	87	52	67	76	9
Mickael Gelabale	Small Forward	55	45	74	55	45	35	28
Rashard Lewis	Small Forward	80	83	81	83	80	80	18
Mikki Moore	Power Forward	44	11	78	67	54	64	18
Johan Petro	Center	37	0	62	75	68	40	14
Luke Ridnour	Point Guard	70	75	87	5	50	81	86
Saer Sene	Center	31	1	41	65	34	17	21
Damien Wilkins	Shooting Guard	70	62	61	50	43	67	23
Robert Swift	Center	63	0	58	75	67	65	29
Earl Watson	Point Guard	61	64	67	0	34	64	87
Chris Wilcox	Power Forward	52	0	73	86	60	75	18

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Ray Allen	Shooting Guard	59	23	65	81	85
Nick Collison	Power Forward	44	57	45	60	60
Noel Felix	Small Forward	33	3	45	65	70
Danny Fortson	Center	25	10	57	62	56
Mickael Gelabale	Small Forward	40	19	31	65	70
Rashard Lewis	Small Forward	54	47	55	82	74
Mikki Moore	Power Forward	28	43	54	53	46
Johan Petro	Center	20	61	55	60	60
Luke Ridnour	Point Guard	67	14	50	80	84
Saer Sene	Center	12	70	60	69	69
Damien Wilkins	Shooting Guard	76	30	48	55	68
Robert Swift	Center	14	69	64	54	65
Earl Watson	Point Guard	80	16	50	75	74
Chris Wilcox	Power Forward	46	69	68	64	73

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Ray Allen	Shooting Guard	23	56	78	54
Nick Collison	Power Forward	78	75	48	77
Noel Felix	Small Forward	31	56	67	55
Danny Fortson	Center	91	81	48	89
Mickael Gelabale	Small Forward	24	28	70	35
Rashard Lewis	Small Forward	33	56	84	54
Mikki Moore	Power Forward	65	67	71	55
Johan Petro	Center	40	50	20	68
Luke Ridnour	Point Guard	16	30	40	37
Saer Sene	Center	33	53	65	61
Damien Wilkins	Shooting Guard	44	36	50	65
Robert Swift	Center	69	73	63	66
Earl Watson	Point Guard	15	37	44	51
Chris Wilcox	Power Forward	50	77	85	73

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Ray Allen	Shooting Guard	78	54	81	85	84	84	90	59
Nick Collison	Power Forward	48	77	60	60	52	50	75	79
Noel Felix	Small Forward	67	55	65	70	61	76	23	12
Danny Fortson	Center	48	89	62	56	40	50	70	59
Mickael Gelabale	Small Forward	70	35	65	70	55	50	70	10
Rashard Lewis	Small Forward	84	54	82	74	80	80	70	39
Mikki Moore	Power Forward	71	55	53	46	27	50	35	19
Johan Petro	Center	20	68	60	60	40	50	75	10
Luke Ridnour	Point Guard	40	37	80	84	86	71	65	75
Saer Sene	Center	65	61	69	69	37	64	56	10
Damien Wilkins	Shooting Guard	50	65	55	68	60	50	70	35
Robert Swift	Center	63	66	54	65	42	67	70	35
Earl Watson	Point Guard	44	51	75	74	63	55	74	39
Chris Wilcox	Power Forward	85	73	64	73	44	70	62	39

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TORONTO RAPTORS





Then...

One of the youngest teams in the NBA, the Toronto Raptors brought basketball home to Canada when they were introduced in 1995. With the departure of Vince Carter, they have to develop Chris Bosh into a franchise figure.

Now...

The last three years have been tough on the Raptors. Their record since 2003 has yet to rise above the dismal 33–49 record they posted two years in a row. Last year's 27–55 record was a warning sign that the team would continue to struggle unless improvements were made.

HEAD COACH

>>> SAM MITCHELL <<<

Coach Mitchell's first year was not the greatest of starts to a career with the young franchise. His star player, Vince Carter, jumped soon after the coach's arrival in 2004, not making matters any easier for the team.

Luckily, Mitchell has plenty of experience with young franchises, having been a part of the expansion Charlotte Bobcats team during its first season in the NBA.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> THE WEIGHT OF A NAME <<<

Before playing a single game, the new expansion team had to decide on a name that would come to define the franchise. An overwhelming response to the "Name Game" competition flooded the franchise with name suggestions. Once the name was decided on and the logo was revealed, Toronto fans embraced the team so much that the team's merchandise sales soared through the roof—before they even played a single game.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Chris Bosh (2003–Present)

One of the franchise's more recognizable faces, Chris Bosh has been a productive player since he joined the team in 2003. In only his third year with the team, Bosh has become the franchise's iconic player and one of its most dependable.

During his first year with the Raptors, Bosh set a franchise record for most rebounds in a rookie season with 557.

2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
27	55	.454	.375	.791	10.5	27.9	38.5	19.4	6.4	3.3	13.1	24.0	101.1

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Rasho Nesterovic
Power Forward	Chris Bosh
Small Forward	Anthony Parker
Shooting Guard	Morris Peterson
Point Guard	T.J. Ford

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Chris Bosh	Power Forward	87
T.J. Ford	Point Guard	76
Andrea Bargnani	Power Forward	74
Morris Peterson	Small Forward	73
Fred Jones	Shooting Guard	71
Joey Graham	Small Forward	70
Rasho Nesterovic	Center	65
Jose Manuel Calderon	Point Guard	64
Alvin Williams	Point Guard	63
Anthony Parker	Small Forward	62
Kris Humphries	Power Forward	61
Pape Sow	Center	61
Darrick Martin	Point Guard	60
Robert Whaley	Power Forward	51

PLAYING AS

The Toronto Raptors aren't necessarily bursting with scoring options. Your only playmaker is T.J. Ford. Use him to get the offense moving and try to let Bosh near the basket for the score.

PLAYING AGAINST

When playing against the Raptors, it's best to not try anything fancy. Just play them as you would any other team that lacks a tough D. As for offense, that is entirely up to your gameplay style. Basically, have fun.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Chris Bosh	Inside Stopper
T.J. Ford	Playmaker

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Chris Bosh	Inside Scorer







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Andrea Bargnani	Power Forward	69	72	69	69	66	67	55
Chris Bosh	Power Forward	84	57	76	80	85	86	23
Jose Manuel Calderon	Point Guard	63	67	56	50	30	60	74
TJ Ford	Point Guard	68	62	75	55	39	82	87
Joey Graham	Small Forward	68	35	83	74	72	60	44
Kris Humphries	Power Forward	44	23	43	52	63	60	23
Fred Jones	Shooting Guard	51	69	81	85	35	68	42
Darrick Martin	Point Guard	63	36	66	83	75	77	36
Rasho Nesterovic	Center	54	0	60	58	67	43	18
Anthony Parker	Small Forward	65	47	78	50	60	60	51
Morris Peterson	Small Forward	68	77	83	65	52	78	32
Pape Sow	Center	26	0	59	80	65	46	2
Robert Whaley	Power Forward	50	0	65	54	54	32	26
Alvin Williams	Point Guard	60	55	78	10	55	54	63

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Andrea Bargnani	Power Forward	23	50	56	67	66
Chris Bosh	Power Forward	46	80	80	65	67
Jose Manuel Calderon	Point Guard	50	10	60	70	75
TJ Ford	Point Guard	57	1	65	95	97
Joey Graham	Small Forward	45	11	64	62	65
Kris Humphries	Power Forward	51	32	45	60	40
Fred Jones	Shooting Guard	48	21	50	65	75
Darrick Martin	Point Guard	35	2	68	76	76
Rasho Nesterovic	Center	30	70	34	60	58
Anthony Parker	Small Forward	30	12	45	67	66
Morris Peterson	Small Forward	65	10	55	72	70
Pape Sow	Center	81	25	48	57	55
Robert Whaley	Power Forward	16	35	30	56	62
Alvin Williams	Point Guard	59	9	64	69	78

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Andrea Bargnani	Power Forward	45	70	61	55
Chris Bosh	Power Forward	70	80	80	50
Jose Manuel Calderon	Point Guard	10	25	70	32
TJ Ford	Point Guard	29	49	55	35
Joey Graham	Small Forward	40	57	65	64
Kris Humphries	Power Forward	67	71	56	66
Fred Jones	Shooting Guard	11	47	90	68
Darrick Martin	Point Guard	6	20	50	42
Rasho Nesterovic	Center	71	72	50	68
Anthony Parker	Small Forward	22	28	50	38
Morris Peterson	Small Forward	22	56	60	57
Pape Sow	Center	56	74	70	73
Robert Whaley	Power Forward	40	50	52	63
Alvin Williams	Point Guard	8	41	38	42

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Andrea Bargnani	Power Forward	61	55	67	66	64	65	50	20
Chris Bosh	Power Forward	80	50	65	67	60	81	70	78
Jose Manuel Calderon	Point Guard	70	32	70	75	60	80	50	40
TJ Ford	Point Guard	55	35	95	97	85	70	50	48
Joey Graham	Small Forward	65	64	62	68	54	50	80	20
Kris Humphries	Power Forward	56	66	60	40	38	50	80	40
Fred Jones	Shooting Guard	90	68	65	75	66	66	70	24
Darrick Martin	Point Guard	50	42	76	76	54	50	90	59
Rasho Nesterovic	Center	50	68	60	58	28	70	80	39
Anthony Parker	Small Forward	50	38	67	66	72	70	60	39
Morris Peterson	Small Forward	60	57	72	70	70	69	75	79
Pape Sow	Center	70	73	57	55	39	50	60	35
Robert Whaley	Power Forward	52	63	56	62	22	50	60	10
Alvin Williams	Point Guard	38	42	69	78	76	65	47	39

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UTAH JAZZ





Then...

You may ask yourself, "What exactly does Utah have to do with jazz music?" Good question. The answer is, "not much." The Utah Jazz are named thus because they were originally the New Orleans Jazz. In 1979 the move to Utah brought the Jazz to their current home.

Now...

The modern-day Utah Jazz team was defined by one of the most dominant duos of all time. Karl Malone and John Stockton not only became the two faces of the franchise for years on end, they set the record for the longest time any duo has remained together in the NBA.

HEAD COACH

>>> JERRY SLOAN <<<

Jazz fans can argue about what is more important—Sloan's almost 20-year tenure as the Utah Jazz's head coach or the fact that he has posted only one losing season with the franchise.

As an NBA player, Sloan was selected first by the Chicago Bulls in the 1966 expansion draft, thus earning the nickname "the Original Bull." He was a two-time All-Star player.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> STOCKTON RETIRES <<<

After nearly 20 years together, the Stockton-Malone era came to an end in 2003. Stockton had spent his entire career with the Utah Jazz after being drafted in 1984.

When he retired, Stockton had compiled 15,806 assists and 3,265 steals.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Stockton and Malone (1985–2003)

Perhaps no other duo in any sports franchise has been more effective than Karl Malone and John Stockton. In their time together they each set individual franchise records, some of which are NBA records as well, for points scored, assists, and steals.

The Stockton-Malone era came to an end when Stockton retired. Malone signed with the Los Angeles Lakers the following year.

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2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
41	41	.442	.336	.719	13.1	29.0	42.1	21.6	6.4	6.0	15.7	24.8	92.4

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Mehmet Okur
Power Forward	Carlos Boozer
Small Forward	Andrei Kirilenko
Shooting Guard	Gordan Giricek
Point Guard	Deron Williams

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Andrei Kirilenko	Small Forward	90
Mehmet Okur	Center	75
Matt Harpring	Small Forward	73
Carlos Boozer	Power Forward	72
Deron Williams	Point Guard	70
Derek Fisher	Point Guard	70
Gordan Giricek	Shooting Guard	67
Ronnie Brewer	Small Forward	65
Rafael Araujo	Power Forward	63
C.J. Miles	Shooting Guard	60
Jarron Collins	Center	55

PLAYING AS

Winning games with Utah is going to take a lot of work inside. Mehmet Okur and Andrei Kirilenko are good inside players, but they lack an outside shot.

On defense, use Kirilenko as your main defensive stopper. He can clog the interior while locking down the perimeter; make good use of him.

PLAYING AGAINST

Because the Jazz lack a good long-range shooter, your best bet is to clog the lane and force them to play a perimeter game. Avoid Kirilenko on defense. He can take you out of your game no matter where you want to shoot from.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

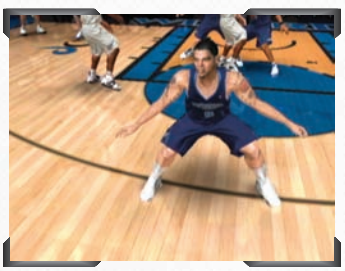
STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Mehmet Okur	Inside Scorer
Andrei Kirilenko	Inside Scorer

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Andrei Kirilenko	Inside Stopper, Outside Stopper







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Rafael Araujo	Power Forward	45	14	53	65	70	49	9
Carlos Boozer	Power Forward	57	0	72	78	69	79	39
Ronnie Brewer	Small Forward	63	61	67	61	53	41	63
Jarron Collins	Center	48	0	71	54	64	41	30
Derek Fisher	Point Guard	79	76	83	10	45	71	65
Gordan Giricek	Shooting Guard	75	73	75	40	50	75	39
Matt Harpring	Small Forward	65	55	72	54	65	75	26
Andrei Kirilenko	Small Forward	75	60	76	80	80	85	47
CJ Miles	Shooting Guard	65	64	75	35	45	45	58
Mehmet Okur	Center	75	75	78	47	80	80	66
Deron Williams	Point Guard	75	67	70	10	49	67	75

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Rafael Araujo	Power Forward	51	16	39	45	45
Carlos Boozer	Power Forward	41	21	56	57	56
Ronnie Brewer	Small Forward	50	7	60	76	73
Jarron Collins	Center	20	9	47	46	57
Derek Fisher	Point Guard	62	1	68	65	79
Gordan Giricek	Shooting Guard	49	9	45	70	70
Matt Harpring	Small Forward	49	11	69	59	68
Andrei Kirilenko	Small Forward	82	98	95	85	72
CJ Miles	Shooting Guard	43	12	40	68	71
Mehmet Okur	Center	24	46	35	48	60
Deron Williams	Point Guard	64	1	60	79	85

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Rafael Araujo	Power Forward	64	78	47	94
Carlos Boozer	Power Forward	74	82	66	81
Ronnie Brewer	Small Forward	24	50	66	35
Jarron Collins	Center	47	58	56	74
Derek Fisher	Point Guard	12	42	50	55
Gordan Giricek	Shooting Guard	11	49	60	47
Matt Harpring	Small Forward	60	57	55	69
Andrei Kirilenko	Small Forward	51	81	75	50
CJ Miles	Shooting Guard	23	28	50	35
Mehmet Okur	Center	67	81	43	70
Deron Williams	Point Guard	25	30	50	35

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Rafael Araujo	Power Forward	47	94	45	45	42	50	85	35
Carlos Boozer	Power Forward	66	81	57	56	51	71	55	79
Ronnie Brewer	Small Forward	66	35	76	73	67	70	22	9
Jarron Collins	Center	56	74	46	57	34	50	62	39
Derek Fisher	Point Guard	50	55	65	79	71	67	85	61
Gordan Giricek	Shooting Guard	60	47	70	70	63	65	80	59
Matt Harpring	Small Forward	55	69	59	68	74	73	80	59
Andrei Kirilenko	Small Forward	75	50	85	72	55	65	71	39
CJ Miles	Shooting Guard	50	35	68	71	65	50	70	10
Mehmet Okur	Center	43	70	48	60	55	65	51	57
Deron Williams	Point Guard	50	35	79	85	81	70	85	35

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WASHINGTON WIZARDS





Then...

In 1961, Chicago had a team *not* named Bulls. They were the Chicago Packers, believe it or not. After going through numerous transformations spanning Zephyrs, Baltimore Bullets, and later Washington Bullets, the team came to be called the Washington Wizards in 1997.

Now...

The Washington Wizards have not had the best of franchise records throughout the years. In the last 18 years, they have made only two playoff appearances. They continue to rely on their three star players, though, as Gilbert Arenas, Antawn Jamison, and Caron Butler form the backbone of the team.

HEAD COACH

>>> EDDIE JORDAN <<<

Jordan took the Wizards to the playoffs in only his second season as their head coach. His coaching helped the young team blossom; he saw two of his young players reach the NBA All-Star game for the first time.

Since taking the job, he has improved the franchise record and posted a winning record the past two seasons.

NOTABLE MOMENT

>>> 1978 CHAMPIONSHIP <<<

The franchise's first and only championship came in 1978 when the Washington Bullets fought past the Seattle SuperSonics in seven games.

Though Elvin Hayes and Wes Unseld became franchise figures who would later have their numbers retired, it was late in their careers when they finally won a title. Two years later both players would finish their careers.

NOTABLE FIGURE

Elvin Hayes (1972–1981)

Hayes's arrival in Baltimore marked the beginning of the franchise's finest era. Then he teamed up with Wes Unseld and led the Bullets to three NBA Finals and one championship. In addition to playing 12 consecutive All-Star games, Hayes retired with career 27,313 points and 16,279 rebounds.

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WIZARDS

2006 STANDINGS

WINS	LOSSES	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	OFF. REBOUNDS	DEF. REBOUNDS	TOTAL REBOUNDS	ASSISTS PG	STEALS PG	BLOCKS PG	TURNOVERS	PERSONAL FOULS	PPG
42	40	.447	.357	.757	12.6	28.6	41.2	18.6	8.0	4.1	13.9	22.6	101.7

2006–2007 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Brendan Haywood
Power Forward	Antawn Jamison
Small Forward	Jared Jeffries
Shooting Guard	Caron Butler
Point Guard	Gilbert Arenas

THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	91
Antawn Jamison	Power Forward	80
Caron Butler	Shooting Guard	77
Antonio Daniels	Point Guard	70
Jarvis Hayes	Small Forward	70
Brendan Haywood	Center	69
Etan Thomas	Power Forward	67
Jared Jeffries	Small Forward	66
Michael Ruffin	Center	64
Calvin Booth	Center	61
Peter John Ramos	Center	60
Darius Songaila	Power Forward	60
Donell Taylor	Shooting Guard	59
Billy Thomas	Shooting Guard	59
Andray Blatche	Power Forward	56

PLAYING AS



You don't have many choices when playing with the Wizards. What you *do* have, though, is a very solid player in Gilbert Arenas. He can run your plays, control your offense, and even lock down the perimeter on D.

PLAYING AGAINST



The Wizards are cursed with a good player in Arenas. Why is it a curse? Because if you can control him, you can control the team. He is their lone scorer, playmaker, and solid defender.

STAR AND SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

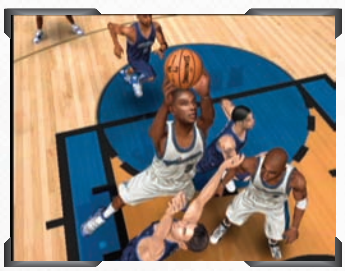
STAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Antawn Jamison	Inside Scorer
Caron Butler	Outside Stopper
Gilbert Arenas	Playmaker, Shooter

SUPERSTAR PLAYERS

PLAYER	TYPE
Gilbert Arenas	Inside Scorer, Outside Scorer







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OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	82	80	82	75	60	87	86
Andray Blatche	Power Forward	41	39	83	45	50	42	42
Calvin Booth	Center	46	0	75	35	63	51	8
Caron Butler	Shooting Guard	65	60	87	75	59	75	25
Antonio Daniels	Point Guard	62	59	81	48	49	78	81
Jarvis Hayes	Small Forward	55	64	83	58	41	67	28
Brendan Haywood	Center	46	0	58	59	73	65	14
Antawn Jamison	Power Forward	75	64	76	82	80	80	28
Jared Jeffries	Small Forward	59	36	59	64	62	46	24
Peter John Ramos	Center	38	0	53	55	61	65	41
Michael Ruffin	Center	35	0	43	60	49	16	23
Darius Songaila	Power Forward	37	0	81	40	65	68	32
Donell Taylor	Shooting Guard	63	50	70	53	62	44	57
Etan Thomas	Power Forward	40	0	60	73	76	69	12
Billy Thomas	Shooting Guard	53	61	78	55	54	49	22

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	83	35	82	86	86
Andray Blatche	Power Forward	23	39	36	60	60
Calvin Booth	Center	60	82	54	65	55
Caron Butler	Shooting Guard	73	10	75	75	75
Antonio Daniels	Point Guard	44	1	56	69	74
Jarvis Hayes	Small Forward	57	9	55	72	84
Brendan Haywood	Center	51	82	58	41	52
Antawn Jamison	Power Forward	38	9	61	71	73
Jared Jeffries	Small Forward	46	23	43	62	69
Peter John Ramos	Center	24	60	24	49	50
Michael Ruffin	Center	62	52	60	71	67
Darius Songaila	Power Forward	56	16	55	45	45
Donell Taylor	Shooting Guard	31	27	36	61	57
Etan Thomas	Power Forward	32	84	74	48	50
Billy Thomas	Shooting Guard	72	3	48	60	55

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REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	46	56	60	60
Andray Blatche	Power Forward	35	45	50	40
Calvin Booth	Center	51	79	33	60
Caron Butler	Shooting Guard	42	58	77	58
Antonio Daniels	Point Guard	11	39	65	59
Jarvis Hayes	Small Forward	21	63	63	60
Brendan Haywood	Center	77	71	53	79
Antawn Jamison	Power Forward	49	71	81	60
Jared Jeffries	Small Forward	73	67	68	60
Peter John Ramos	Center	65	70	48	78
Michael Ruffin	Center	83	71	62	74
Darius Songaila	Power Forward	60	68	55	70
Donell Taylor	Shooting Guard	17	53	62	45
Etan Thomas	Power Forward	72	77	50	84
Billy Thomas	Shooting Guard	15	42	50	62

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	60	60	86	86	86	65	70	10
Andray Blatche	Power Forward	50	40	60	60	40	50	70	10
Calvin Booth	Center	33	60	65	55	37	50	38	39
Caron Butler	Shooting Guard	77	58	75	75	70	77	60	50
Antonio Daniels	Point Guard	65	59	69	74	72	62	71	44
Jarvis Hayes	Small Forward	63	60	72	84	66	61	84	40
Brendan Haywood	Center	53	79	41	52	33	63	72	59
Antawn Jamison	Power Forward	81	60	71	73	65	80	90	79
Jared Jeffries	Small Forward	68	60	62	69	66	66	50	59
Peter John Ramos	Center	48	78	49	50	47	50	85	35
Michael Ruffin	Center	62	74	71	67	46	50	69	39
Darius Songaila	Power Forward	55	70	45	45	23	52	75	19
Donell Taylor	Shooting Guard	62	45	61	57	48	50	51	34
Etan Thomas	Power Forward	50	84	48	50	25	50	40	44
Billy Thomas	Shooting Guard	50	62	60	55	53	50	75	59

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The Best of the Rest

This chapter covers the rest of the teams included in *NBA LIVE 07*. Though most teams, aside from the era-specific All-Stars, are composed of the best in the league, we focus more on stats, so that you get the most focused picture possible of what you have to play with.

NOTE

Picking a strategy for All-Star teams is a little like deciding on which topping you should place first on a pizza; in the end, it all works.

2005–2006 West All-Stars





THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	98
Kobe Bryant	Shooting Guard	97
Tracy McGrady	Small Forward	93
Tim Duncan	Power Forward	91
Shawn Marion	Small Forward	91
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	91
Elton Brand	Power Forward	90
Ray Allen	Shooting Guard	88
Yao Ming	Center	88
Steve Nash	Point Guard	87
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	85
Tony Parker	Point Guard	81

2005–2006 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Yao Ming
Power Forward	Tim Duncan
Small Forward	Tracy McGrady
Shooting Guard	Kobe Bryant
Point Guard	Steve Nash



The West All-Stars are particularly fun to play with. Keep the starting five as is and watch as Ming and Duncan take over the court. For a little more speed, sub Kevin Garnett for Duncan.



OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Ray Allen	Shooting Guard	91	90	90	81	52	91	67
Elton Brand	Power Forward	82	0	75	85	88	88	63
Kobe Bryant	Shooting Guard	87	80	85	95	80	96	80
Tim Duncan	Power Forward	85	22	67	85	99	93	50
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	80	41	80	90	88	87	72
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	80	12	76	71	87	87	55
Shawn Marion	Small Forward	77	65	83	80	87	89	23
Tracy McGrady	Small Forward	86	80	80	93	80	91	80
Steve Nash	Point Guard	86	87	92	0	60	99	99
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	91	84	90	74	86	95	40
Tony Parker	Point Guard	80	60	65	5	75	89	84
Yao Ming	Center	82	50	85	60	87	87	69

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DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Ray Allen	Shooting Guard	59	23	65	81	85
Elton Brand	Power Forward	36	85	85	60	61
Kobe Bryant	Shooting Guard	80	20	80	90	87
Tim Duncan	Power Forward	36	90	96	65	66
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	65	89	90	70	70
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	36	82	80	62	70
Shawn Marion	Small Forward	83	80	75	80	83
Tracy McGrady	Small Forward	81	25	82	85	85
Steve Nash	Point Guard	52	11	79	96	91
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	64	72	64	61	61
Tony Parker	Point Guard	65	1	77	99	99
Yao Ming	Center	24	89	82	55	58

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Ray Allen	Shooting Guard	23	56	78	54
Elton Brand	Power Forward	74	87	74	85
Kobe Bryant	Shooting Guard	33	66	95	60
Tim Duncan	Power Forward	74	94	60	85
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	63	99	89	85
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	67	80	60	63
Shawn Marion	Small Forward	60	86	85	55
Tracy McGrady	Small Forward	16	68	90	50
Steve Nash	Point Guard	19	48	65	51
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	29	89	59	69
Tony Parker	Point Guard	12	47	60	43
Yao Ming	Center	68	82	40	86

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Ray Allen	Shooting Guard	78	54	81	85	84	84	90	59
Elton Brand	Power Forward	74	85	60	61	61	81	80	89
Kobe Bryant	Shooting Guard	95	60	90	87	88	84	85	97
Tim Duncan	Power Forward	60	85	65	66	35	71	85	99
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	89	85	70	70	61	70	94	73
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	60	63	62	70	58	73	90	69
Shawn Marion	Small Forward	85	55	80	83	71	80	63	39
Tracy McGrady	Small Forward	90	50	85	85	83	86	70	90

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ATHLETIC SKILLS continued

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Steve Nash	Point Guard	65	51	96	91	95	93	89	79
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	59	69	61	61	80	88	85	86
Tony Parker	Point Guard	60	43	99	99	88	89	85	67
Yao Ming	Center	40	86	55	58	55	83	90	39

2005–2006 East All-Stars





THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
LeBron James	Small Forward	97
Dwyane Wade	Shooting Guard	93
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	90
Allen Iverson	Point Guard	90
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	89
Paul Pierce	Small Forward	89
Jermaine O'Neal	Power Forward	86
Chris Bosh	Power Forward	87
Vince Carter	Small Forward	87
Rasheed Wallace	Power Forward	87
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	84
Ben Wallace	Center	84
Richard Hamilton	Shooting Guard	79

2005–2006 STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Shaquille O'Neal
Small Forward	Vince Carter
Small Forward	LeBron James
Shooting Guard	Dwyane Wade
Point Guard	Allen Iverson

Looking for a team that can overshadow its opponents? How about a team with Ben Wallace, Rasheed Wallace, LeBron James, and Shaq?





OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	82	80	82	75	60	87	86
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	80	81	89	35	55	82	80
Chris Bosh	Power Forward	84	57	76	80	85	86	23
Vince Carter	Small Forward	83	77	79	94	80	91	56
Richard Hamilton	Shooting Guard	78	72	84	69	60	81	55
Allen Iverson	Point Guard	85	70	83	40	60	93	90
LeBron James	Small Forward	42	0	62	64	65	57	9
Jermaine O'Neal	Power Forward	80	10	70	85	90	89	45
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	67	0	46	97	95	99	62
Paul Pierce	Small Forward	80	83	85	80	80	94	57
Dwyane Wade	Shooting Guard	80	50	78	87	87	90	81
Ben Wallace	Center	49	7	41	80	64	51	24
Rasheed Wallace	Power Forward	77	70	74	82	84	80	40

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DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	83	35	82	86	86
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	82	1	83	86	80
Chris Bosh	Power Forward	46	80	80	65	67
Vince Carter	Small Forward	70	20	65	80	82
Richard Hamilton	Shooting Guard	49	2	68	84	80
Allen Iverson	Point Guard	89	10	90	99	99
LeBron James	Small Forward	82	40	79	87	93
Jermaine O'Neal	Power Forward	28	83	82	59	60
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	33	88	95	65	60
Paul Pierce	Small Forward	80	19	69	78	81
Dwyane Wade	Shooting Guard	82	43	83	90	94
Ben Wallace	Center	80	90	99	70	70
Rasheed Wallace	Power Forward	41	77	85	61	63

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	46	56	60	60
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	12	40	65	65
Chris Bosh	Power Forward	70	80	80	50
Vince Carter	Small Forward	29	54	98	60
Richard Hamilton	Shooting Guard	19	39	62	44
Allen Iverson	Point Guard	12	40	80	37
LeBron James	Small Forward	20	75	92	81
Jermaine O'Neal	Power Forward	44	85	75	91
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	79	91	70	99
Paul Pierce	Small Forward	21	64	72	68
Dwyane Wade	Shooting Guard	25	50	89	60
Ben Wallace	Center	82	91	80	88
Rasheed Wallace	Power Forward	51	82	70	81

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	60	60	87	86	86	75	70	10
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	65	65	86	80	86	85	84	81
Chris Bosh	Power Forward	80	50	65	67	60	81	70	78
Vince Carter	Small Forward	98	60	80	82	83	79	55	80
Richard Hamilton	Shooting Guard	62	44	84	80	80	90	90	91
Allen Iverson	Point Guard	80	37	99	99	99	91	90	90
LeBron James	Small Forward	92	81	87	93	85	75	80	75
Jermaine O'Neal	Power Forward	75	91	59	60	44	80	85	79

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ATHLETIC SKILLS continued

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	70	99	65	60	30	70	85	80
Paul Pierce	Small Forward	72	68	78	81	85	79	90	65
Dwyane Wade	Shooting Guard	89	60	90	94	90	83	73	66
Ben Wallace	Center	80	88	70	70	24	80	88	30
Rasheed Wallace	Power Forward	70	81	61	63	39	79	81	59

1950s All-Stars





THE TEAM

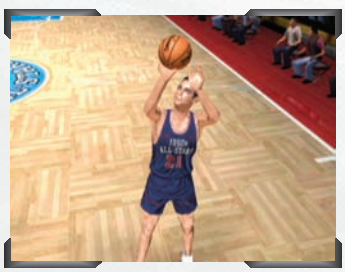
PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
George Mikan	Center	95
Bob Cousy	Point Guard	94
Richie Guerin	Shooting Guard	93
Bob Pettit	Center	85
Clyde Lovellette	Center	84
Paul Arizin	Small Forward	83
Dolph Schayes	Power Forward	83
Bill Sharman	Shooting Guard	83
Harry Gallatin	Power Forward	82
Cliff Hagan	Small Forward	81
George Yardley	Small Forward	81
Carl Braun	Shooting Guard	80

STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	George Mikan
Power Forward	Dolph Schayes
Small Forward	Paul Arizin
Shooting Guard	Bill Sharman
Point Guard	Bob Cousy

The 1950s All-Star team is obviously very old school. Expect to play a lot of "technical" basketball.





OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Paul Arizin	Small Forward	88	82	82	55	52	86	74
Carl Braun	Shooting Guard	82	81	84	5	45	85	86
Bob Cousy	Point Guard	88	84	94	19	55	97	99
Harry Gallatin	Power Forward	79	5	77	45	84	89	38
Richie Guerin	Shooting Guard	82	75	79	23	49	85	79
Cliff Hagan	Small Forward	78	44	80	10	84	88	56
Clyde Lovellette	Center	89	0	76	70	94	95	35
George Mikan	Center	88	5	78	80	94	96	78
Bob Pettit	Center	90	21	79	46	93	95	61
Dolph Schayes	Power Forward	76	8	84	55	88	85	69
Bill Sharman	Shooting Guard	94	92	93	21	51	94	79
George Yardley	Small Forward	86	48	78	34	85	96	48

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DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Paul Arizin	Small Forward	68	11	74	73	76
Carl Braun	Shooting Guard	61	22	79	68	62
Bob Cousy	Point Guard	88	19	89	97	93
Harry Gallatin	Power Forward	28	64	79	52	53
Richie Guerin	Shooting Guard	69	16	78	73	76
Cliff Hagan	Small Forward	82	15	76	78	79
Clyde Lovellette	Center	23	76	77	52	58
George Mikan	Center	48	91	94	52	46
Bob Pettit	Center	55	78	92	52	49
Dolph Schayes	Power Forward	26	76	79	50	55
Bill Sharman	Shooting Guard	86	12	90	81	75
George Yardley	Small Forward	29	18	59	79	76

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Paul Arizin	Small Forward	29	58	51	51
Carl Braun	Shooting Guard	46	69	47	49
Bob Cousy	Point Guard	39	69	59	39
Harry Gallatin	Power Forward	75	89	59	93
Richie Guerin	Shooting Guard	25	52	48	49
Cliff Hagan	Small Forward	46	69	67	39
Clyde Lovellette	Center	80	97	64	86
George Mikan	Center	89	95	67	88
Bob Pettit	Center	81	86	49	82
Dolph Schayes	Power Forward	72	81	55	75
Bill Sharman	Shooting Guard	21	38	43	28
George Yardley	Small Forward	58	77	78	35

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Paul Arizin	Small Forward	51	51	73	76	80	92	85	88
Carl Braun	Shooting Guard	47	49	68	62	72	91	86	79
Bob Cousy	Point Guard	59	39	97	93	97	95	90	99
Harry Gallatin	Power Forward	59	93	52	53	35	90	99	61
Richie Guerin	Shooting Guard	48	49	73	76	83	91	88	79
Cliff Hagan	Small Forward	67	39	78	79	81	90	88	74
Clyde Lovellette	Center	64	86	52	58	20	91	75	75
George Mikan	Center	67	88	52	46	45	92	94	89
Bob Pettit	Center	49	82	59	52	60	93	84	99
Dolph Schayes	Power Forward	55	75	50	55	45	92	88	79
Bill Sharman	Shooting Guard	43	28	81	75	84	91	87	92
George Yardley	Small Forward	78	35	79	76	92	90	80	75

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1960s All-Stars





THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Wilt Chamberlain	Center	99
Elgin Baylor	Small Forward	96
Oscar Robertson	Shooting Guard	94
Bill Russell	Center	94
Lenny Wilkens	Point Guard	89
Jerry Lucas	Power Forward	88
Willis Reed	Center	86
Walt Bellamy	Center	85
Sam Jones	Shooting Guard	84
Hal Greer	Shooting Guard	82
Dave DeBusschere	Small Forward	81
Tommy Heinsohn	Power Forward	81

STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Wilt Chamberlain
Center	Bill Russell
Small Forward	Elgin Baylor
Shooting Guard	Oscar Robertson
Point Guard	Lenny Wilkens

The 1960s team is comprised of true legends. Players like Wilt Chamberlain, Oscar Robertson, and Elgin Baylor revolutionized the way the game is played.





OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Elgin Baylor	Small Forward	87	45	79	81	95	97	68
Walt Bellamy	Center	75	0	65	75	82	80	46
Wilt Chamberlain	Center	93	10	56	99	99	97	69
Dave DeBusschere	Small Forward	76	15	78	45	85	81	55
Hal Greer	Shooting Guard	82	84	83	35	56	95	69
Tommy Heinsohn	Power Forward	76	48	79	50	82	91	42
Sam Jones	Shooting Guard	90	77	82	10	61	95	78
Jerry Lucas	Power Forward	77	60	78	45	84	96	71
Willis Reed	Center	86	5	75	80	91	93	41
Oscar Robertson	Shooting Guard	92	80	84	79	75	95	82
Bill Russell	Center	77	0	56	86	82	81	74
Lenny Wilkens	Point Guard	79	70	78	50	63	97	98

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DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Elgin Baylor	Small Forward	48	49	80	80	81
Walt Bellamy	Center	35	76	82	71	56
Wilt Chamberlain	Center	46	87	79	68	67
Dave DeBusschere	Small Forward	71	45	83	75	64
Hal Greer	Shooting Guard	66	11	77	92	89
Tommy Heinsohn	Power Forward	33	75	82	54	52
Sam Jones	Shooting Guard	73	24	80	80	82
Jerry Lucas	Power Forward	35	76	95	48	51
Willis Reed	Center	50	69	75	59	58
Oscar Robertson	Shooting Guard	72	15	85	78	81
Bill Russell	Center	45	99	99	59	68
Lenny Wilkens	Point Guard	86	15	95	97	93

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Elgin Baylor	Small Forward	67	84	82	65
Walt Bellamy	Center	75	87	75	71
Wilt Chamberlain	Center	80	98	83	98
Dave DeBusschere	Small Forward	72	83	44	71
Hal Greer	Shooting Guard	25	27	65	34
Tommy Heinsohn	Power Forward	37	80	49	81
Sam Jones	Shooting Guard	24	45	64	49
Jerry Lucas	Power Forward	92	91	53	52
Willis Reed	Center	70	85	56	88
Oscar Robertson	Shooting Guard	48	67	70	55
Bill Russell	Center	39	63	50	54
Lenny Wilkens	Point Guard	26	41	46	33

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Elgin Baylor	Small Forward	82	65	80	81	92	90	90	80
Walt Bellamy	Center	75	71	71	56	44	90	90	78
Wilt Chamberlain	Center	83	98	68	67	51	94	96	95
Dave DeBusschere	Small Forward	44	71	75	64	41	91	88	70
Hal Greer	Shooting Guard	65	34	92	89	80	90	88	83
Tommy Heinsohn	Power Forward	49	81	54	52	46	90	86	82
Sam Jones	Shooting Guard	64	49	80	82	93	90	84	90
Jerry Lucas	Power Forward	53	52	48	51	59	90	75	79
Willis Reed	Center	56	88	59	58	38	90	86	99
Oscar Robertson	Shooting Guard	70	55	78	81	94	90	85	75
Bill Russell	Center	77	89	59	68	46	93	90	99
Lenny Wilkens	Point Guard	46	33	97	93	97	92	81	88

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1970s All-Stars





THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Pete Maravich	Shooting Guard	95
Rick Barry	Small Forward	92
Walt Frazier	Point Guard	91
John Havlicek	Small Forward	91
Nate Archibald	Point Guard	90
Bill Walton	Center	90
Dave Cowens	Center	89
Earl Monroe	Shooting Guard	89
Wes Unseld	Center	87
Billy Cunningham	Small Forward	84
Bob Lanier	Center	84
Dave Bing	Shooting Guard	82

STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Bill Walton
Center	Dave Cowens
Small Forward	Rick Barry
Shooting Guard	Pete Maravich
Point Guard	Walt Frazier

The 1970s All-Star team boasts Bill Walton and Pete Maravich. These two exciting players are easily your go-to guys.





OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Nate Archibald	Point Guard	85	83	83	63	59	96	98
Rick Barry	Small Forward	95	94	98	82	71	96	80
Dave Bing	Shooting Guard	85	83	80	21	62	91	79
Dave Cowens	Center	78	5	78	69	84	81	69
Billy Cunningham	Small Forward	76	34	71	70	80	82	57
Walt Frazier	Point Guard	82	75	79	69	64	95	96
John Havlicek	Small Forward	81	82	82	64	54	95	98
Bob Lanier	Center	78	2	76	79	86	85	58
Pete Maravich	Shooting Guard	91	96	85	22	68	97	99
Earl Monroe	Shooting Guard	87	79	80	26	66	92	93
Wes Unseld	Center	78	0	63	71	82	88	54
Bill Walton	Center	87	3	67	81	92	94	73

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DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Nate Archibald	Point Guard	79	23	81	96	95
Rick Barry	Small Forward	46	32	65	66	68
Dave Bing	Shooting Guard	46	22	85	79	81
Dave Cowens	Center	41	76	92	56	58
Billy Cunningham	Small Forward	86	22	92	88	72
Walt Frazier	Point Guard	90	5	92	94	88
John Havlicek	Small Forward	72	21	91	77	85
Bob Lanier	Center	28	76	81	53	57
Pete Maravich	Shooting Guard	79	21	80	95	97
Earl Monroe	Shooting Guard	72	25	83	93	91
Wes Unseld	Center	34	49	94	55	48
Bill Walton	Center	34	75	85	54	57

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Nate Archibald	Point Guard	25	36	52	27
Rick Barry	Small Forward	51	68	58	52
Dave Bing	Shooting Guard	36	51	52	36
Dave Cowens	Center	79	89	68	87
Billy Cunningham	Small Forward	55	50	65	67
Walt Frazier	Point Guard	27	39	61	47
John Havlicek	Small Forward	41	57	51	56
Bob Lanier	Center	68	89	56	88
Pete Maravich	Shooting Guard	34	46	82	47
Earl Monroe	Shooting Guard	37	46	50	45
Wes Unseld	Center	97	92	79	95
Bill Walton	Center	80	91	67	87

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Nate Archibald	Point Guard	52	27	96	95	97	90	85	86
Rick Barry	Small Forward	58	52	66	68	93	93	95	87
Dave Bing	Shooting Guard	52	36	79	81	81	90	88	89
Dave Cowens	Center	68	87	56	58	53	90	86	88
Billy Cunningham	Small Forward	65	67	88	72	62	90	81	84
Walt Frazier	Point Guard	61	47	94	88	95	90	85	90
John Havlicek	Small Forward	51	56	77	85	93	90	90	92
Bob Lanier	Center	56	88	53	57	37	90	82	82
Pete Maravich	Shooting Guard	82	47	95	97	99	90	93	94
Earl Monroe	Shooting Guard	50	45	93	91	98	92	89	96
Wes Unseld	Center	79	95	55	48	44	94	96	91
Bill Walton	Center	67	87	54	57	44	90	81	91

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1980s All-Stars





THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Larry Bird	Power Forward	98
Magic Johnson	Point Guard	98
Julius Erving	Small Forward	97
Clyde Drexler	Shooting Guard	95
Moses Malone	Power Forward	95
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	Center	94
George Gervin	Shooting Guard	93
Hakeem Olajuwon	Center	91
Isiah Thomas	Point Guard	90
James Worthy	Small Forward	89
Dominique Wilkins	Small Forward	88
Kevin McHale	Power Forward	87

STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
Power Forward	Larry Bird
Small Forward	Julius Erving
Shooting Guard	Clyde Drexler
Point Guard	Magic Johnson

This is perhaps the most exciting team in the game. Where else can you find Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar? Add Moses Malone, Clyde "the Glide," and Julius Erving, and you have one of the best All-Star teams ever of any sport.





OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	Center	91	10	77	88	95	92	71
Larry Bird	Power Forward	97	95	89	79	90	99	99
Clyde Drexler	Shooting Guard	81	71	79	95	54	89	80
Julius Erving	Small Forward	80	44	78	99	82	93	72
George Gervin	Shooting Guard	89	80	84	98	72	96	68
Magic Johnson	Point Guard	81	80	85	52	80	99	99
Moses Malone	Power Forward	77	2	76	95	98	80	55
Kevin McHale	Power Forward	75	18	80	79	95	85	65
Hakeem Olajuwon	Center	90	28	71	79	94	84	56
Isiah Thomas	Point Guard	75	65	76	69	48	95	96
Dominique Wilkins	Small Forward	76	45	81	99	74	88	55
James Worthy	Small Forward	75	39	78	93	81	90	51

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DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	Center	40	81	84	68	56
Larry Bird	Power Forward	81	31	94	75	65
Clyde Drexler	Shooting Guard	85	30	83	89	87
Julius Erving	Small Forward	68	64	81	90	87
George Gervin	Shooting Guard	36	37	64	78	82
Magic Johnson	Point Guard	79	75	84	78	81
Moses Malone	Power Forward	42	76	83	66	68
Kevin McHale	Power Forward	25	75	94	52	47
Hakeem Olajuwon	Center	40	91	92	67	59
Isiah Thomas	Point Guard	75	20	89	96	94
Dominique Wilkins	Small Forward	33	45	70	82	84
James Worthy	Small Forward	43	59	80	80	87

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	Center	81	89	66	83
Larry Bird	Power Forward	67	72	50	43
Clyde Drexler	Shooting Guard	58	54	92	52
Julius Erving	Small Forward	75	66	95	46
George Gervin	Shooting Guard	57	66	91	48
Magic Johnson	Point Guard	47	75	57	67
Moses Malone	Power Forward	84	92	82	92
Kevin McHale	Power Forward	71	84	61	85
Hakeem Olajuwon	Center	72	90	61	80
Isiah Thomas	Point Guard	33	48	65	44
Dominique Wilkins	Small Forward	48	61	96	53
James Worthy	Small Forward	66	74	92	71

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	Center	66	83	68	56	42	95	92	90
Larry Bird	Power Forward	50	43	75	65	90	90	87	99
Clyde Drexler	Shooting Guard	92	52	89	87	81	90	88	91
Julius Erving	Small Forward	95	46	90	87	81	90	90	96
George Gervin	Shooting Guard	91	48	78	82	88	90	94	96
Magic Johnson	Point Guard	57	67	78	81	99	90	82	98
Moses Malone	Power Forward	75	81	66	68	52	90	94	97
Kevin McHale	Power Forward	61	85	52	47	44	90	85	90
Hakeem Olajuwon	Center	61	80	67	59	33	90	88	91
Isiah Thomas	Point Guard	65	44	96	94	99	90	80	89
Dominique Wilkins	Small Forward	96	53	82	84	80	90	90	81
James Worthy	Small Forward	92	71	80	87	54	90	75	82

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1990s All-Stars





THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	96
Karl Malone	Power Forward	95
Chris Mullin	Shooting Guard	94
David Robinson	Center	93
Gary Payton	Point Guard	92
Larry Johnson	Power Forward	91
Jason Kidd	Point Guard	91
Mitch Richmond	Shooting Guard	90
Tim Hardaway	Point Guard	90
Penny Hardaway	Shooting Guard	89
Grant Hill	Small Forward	89
Chris Webber	Power Forward	88

STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Shaquille O'Neal
Power Forward	Karl Malone
Small Forward	Chris Mullin
Shooting Guard	Mitch Richmond
Point Guard	Gary Payton

For many players, this will be the most nostalgic of teams. Early versions of Shaq, C-Webb, and Karl Malone round out this team full of big men.





OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Tim Hardaway	Point Guard	87	78	76	33	64	95	82
Penny Hardaway	Shooting Guard	86	70	77	88	44	91	93
Grant Hill	Small Forward	82	21	76	64	63	84	46
Larry Johnson	Power Forward	76	80	81	84	87	91	46
Jason Kidd	Point Guard	82	76	78	45	58	99	98
Karl Malone	Shooting Guard	91	12	77	92	94	95	71
Chris Mullin	Shooting Guard	94	95	92	60	69	93	80
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	67	0	46	97	95	99	62
Gary Payton	Point Guard	80	81	81	41	70	93	94
Mitch Richmond	Shooting Guard	89	88	90	47	63	94	78
David Robinson	Center	80	20	75	97	85	84	65
Chris Webber	Power Forward	85	25	78	80	89	94	52

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DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Tim Hardaway	Point Guard	78	25	76	95	92
Penny Hardaway	Shooting Guard	69	16	77	89	90
Grant Hill	Small Forward	70	44	90	87	84
Larry Johnson	Power Forward	35	75	75	66	70
Jason Kidd	Point Guard	83	5	94	89	94
Karl Malone	Shooting Guard	42	76	83	66	68
Chris Mullin	Shooting Guard	68	49	88	62	70
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	54	93	95	66	63
Gary Payton	Point Guard	62	7	85	79	79
Mitch Richmond	Shooting Guard	62	23	79	84	81
David Robinson	Center	50	91	90	65	70
Chris Webber	Power Forward	68	39	76	59	60

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Tim Hardaway	Point Guard	41	52	63	55
Penny Hardaway	Shooting Guard	34	41	82	41
Grant Hill	Small Forward	29	59	64	65
Larry Johnson	Power Forward	70	83	64	79
Jason Kidd	Point Guard	30	76	70	60
Karl Malone	Shooting Guard	72	89	75	81
Chris Mullin	Shooting Guard	60	71	58	58
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	88	95	75	99
Gary Payton	Point Guard	25	38	44	44
Mitch Richmond	Shooting Guard	56	60	48	64
David Robinson	Center	73	85	75	80
Chris Webber	Power Forward	75	84	57	81

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Tim Hardaway	Point Guard	63	55	95	92	96	90	81	95
Penny Hardaway	Shooting Guard	82	41	89	90	94	90	70	80
Grant Hill	Small Forward	64	65	80	80	78	74	40	79
Larry Johnson	Power Forward	64	79	66	70	41	90	81	90
Jason Kidd	Point Guard	70	60	89	94	85	77	75	79
Karl Malone	Shooting Guard	75	81	66	68	52	90	94	97
Chris Mullin	Shooting Guard	58	58	62	70	89	90	84	96
Shaquille O'Neal	Center	75	99	66	63	51	78	95	92
Gary Payton	Point Guard	55	40	79	79	79	73	92	70
Mitch Richmond	Shooting Guard	48	64	84	81	93	90	79	88
David Robinson	Center	75	80	65	70	45	88	80	88
Chris Webber	Power Forward	57	81	60	62	40	88	84	80

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International All-Stars





THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Yao Ming	Center	88
Manu Ginobili	Shooting Guard	87
Steve Nash	Point Guard	87
Jamaal Magloire	Center	75
Leandro Barbosa	Point Guard	74
Raja Bell	Small Forward	74
Samuel Dalembert	Center	73
Luol Deng	Small Forward	73
Andres Nocioni	Small Forward	73
Nenê	Center	72
Carlos Arroyo	Point Guard	65
Eduardo Najera	Power Forward	64
Michael Olowokandi	Center	69

STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Yao Ming
Power Forward	Nenê
Small Forward	Jamaal Magloire
Shooting Guard	Luol Deng
Point Guard	Manu Ginobili

The international team is a great shooting team. They may not be as flashy as the 1990s All-Star team, but they definitely get the job done.





OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Carlos Arroyo	Point Guard	65	59	77	0	48	60	86
Leandro Barbosa	Point Guard	50	73	75	67	65	76	56
Raja Bell	Small Forward	64	79	74	59	58	72	43
Samuel Dalembert	Center	42	10	70	75	55	62	8
Luol Deng	Small Forward	65	65	74	60	60	75	39
Manu Ginobili	Shooting Guard	81	74	80	80	80	82	80
Nenê	Center	59	0	66	75	75	76	30
Jamaal Magloire	Center	64	0	70	75	69	73	22
Yao Ming	Center	82	50	85	60	87	87	69
Eduardo Najera	Power Forward	47	37	63	10	63	56	26
Steve Nash	Point Guard	86	87	93	0	60	99	99
Andres Nocioni	Small Forward	65	75	76	75	58	67	30
Michael Olowokandi	Center	90	28	71	79	94	84	56

DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Carlos Arroyo	Point Guard	54	3	53	79	73
Leandro Barbosa	Point Guard	49	9	40	89	99
Raja Bell	Small Forward	80	7	90	80	75
Samuel Dalembert	Center	46	84	81	57	62

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DEFENSIVE SKILLS continued

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Luol Deng	Small Forward	52	25	58	69	68
Manu Ginobili	Shooting Guard	84	19	74	84	83
Nenê	Center	68	62	47	61	60
Jamaal Magloire	Center	20	78	75	56	55
Yao Ming	Center	24	89	82	55	58
Eduardo Najera	Power Forward	62	32	64	68	62
Steve Nash	Point Guard	52	11	79	89	93
Andres Nocioni	Small Forward	35	28	75	59	61
Michael Olowokandi	Center	40	91	92	67	59

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Carlos Arroyo	Point Guard	14	28	40	57
Leandro Barbosa	Point Guard	23	47	53	39
Raja Bell	Small Forward	12	44	61	59
Samuel Dalembert	Center	76	85	63	71
Luol Deng	Small Forward	44	71	63	59
Manu Ginobili	Shooting Guard	26	55	70	51
Nenê	Center	63	77	70	76
Jamaal Magloire	Center	79	80	45	80
Yao Ming	Center	68	82	40	86
Eduardo Najera	Power Forward	68	63	45	67
Steve Nash	Point Guard	19	48	65	51
Andres Nocioni	Small Forward	29	77	74	63
Michael Olowokandi	Center	72	90	61	80

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Carlos Arroyo	Point Guard	40	57	79	73	77	50	70	59
Leandro Barbosa	Point Guard	53	39	89	99	88	70	60	30
Raja Bell	Small Forward	61	59	80	75	62	67	58	50
Samuel Dalembert	Center	63	71	57	62	43	69	70	20
Luol Deng	Small Forward	63	59	69	68	61	59	70	39
Manu Ginobili	Shooting Guard	70	51	84	83	80	66	70	59
Nenê	Center	70	76	61	60	40	52	55	70
Jamaal Magloire	Center	45	80	56	55	53	70	85	49
Yao Ming	Center	40	86	55	58	55	83	90	39
Eduardo Najera	Power Forward	45	67	68	62	59	50	64	39
Steve Nash	Point Guard	65	51	96	91	95	93	89	79
Andres Nocioni	Small Forward	74	63	59	61	61	57	75	58
Michael Olowokandi	Center	61	80	67	59	33	90	88	91

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European All-Stars





THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	91
Andrei Kirilenko	Small Forward	90
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	85
Boris Diaw	Power Forward	84
Peja Stojakovic	Small Forward	82
Tony Parker	Point Guard	81
Zydrunas Ilgauskas	Center	76
Mehmet Okur	Center	75
Andrea Bargnani	Power Forward	74
Mickael Pietrus	Shooting Guard	70
Vladimir Radmanovic	Power Forward	71
Nenad Krstic	Power Forward	68
Hedo Turkoglu	Small Forward	66
Sasha Vujacic	Shooting Guard	66
Beno Udrih	Point Guard	65

STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Zydrunas Ilgauskas
Power Forward	Dirk Nowitzki
Small Forward	Peja Stojakovic
Shooting Guard	Andrei Kirilenko
Point Guard	Tony Parker

The European All-Stars team is a lot like the International All-Stars team, only the names are harder to read. This team has a great balance of defense and shooting.





OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
Andrea Bargnani	Power Forward	69	72	69	69	66	67	55
Boris Diaw	Power Forward	67	41	74	70	69	70	73
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	80	12	72	71	87	87	55
Zydrunas Ilgauskas	Center	75	15	83	63	81	86	18
Andrei Kirilenko	Small Forward	75	60	76	80	80	85	47
Nenad Krstic	Power Forward	63	0	69	59	67	74	18
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	91	84	90	74	86	95	40
Mehmet Okur	Center	75	75	78	47	80	80	66
Tony Parker	Point Guard	65	47	78	50	60	60	51
Mickael Pietrus	Shooting Guard	60	74	61	79	45	77	29
Vladimir Radmanovic	Power Forward	80	80	80	59	54	78	25
Peja Stojakovic	Small Forward	84	85	91	60	75	86	47
Hedo Turkoglu	Small Forward	69	76	86	23	62	80	42
Beno Udrih	Point Guard	59	75	75	35	40	78	63
Sasha Vujacic	Shooting Guard	41	71	88	34	56	67	64

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DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Andrea Bargnani	Power Forward	23	50	56	67	66
Boris Diaw	Power Forward	60	59	63	75	73
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	36	82	80	62	70
Zydrunas Ilgauskas	Center	36	75	80	42	46
Andrei Kirilenko	Small Forward	82	98	95	85	72
Nenad Krstic	Power Forward	28	60	57	59	57
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	64	72	64	61	61
Mehmet Okur	Center	24	46	35	48	60
Tony Parker	Point Guard	65	1	77	99	99
Mickael Pietrus	Shooting Guard	57	21	50	62	71
Vladimir Radmanovic	Power Forward	57	28	47	64	63
Peja Stojakovic	Small Forward	61	7	63	69	75
Hedo Turkoglu	Small Forward	41	16	35	61	69
Beno Udrih	Point Guard	65	12	53	65	70
Sasha Vujacic	Shooting Guard	57	11	53	70	73

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Andrea Bargnani	Power Forward	45	70	61	55
Boris Diaw	Power Forward	57	75	70	65
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	67	80	60	63
Zydrunas Ilgauskas	Center	79	80	56	70
Andrei Kirilenko	Small Forward	51	81	75	50
Nenad Krstic	Power Forward	65	71	53	63
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	29	89	59	69
Mehmet Okur	Center	67	81	43	70
Tony Parker	Point Guard	12	47	60	43
Mickael Pietrus	Shooting Guard	39	49	80	56
Vladimir Radmanovic	Power Forward	24	68	75	63
Peja Stojakovic	Small Forward	29	69	61	63
Hedo Turkoglu	Small Forward	28	51	37	55
Beno Udrih	Point Guard	11	30	55	56
Sasha Vujacic	Shooting Guard	25	64	55	44

ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Andrea Bargnani	Power Forward	61	55	67	66	64	65	50	20
Boris Diaw	Power Forward	70	65	75	73	69	75	70	47
Pau Gasol	Power Forward	60	63	62	70	58	73	90	69
Zydrunas Ilgauskas	Center	56	70	42	46	30	74	60	59
Andrei Kirilenko	Small Forward	75	50	85	72	55	65	71	39

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ATHLETIC SKILLS continued

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Nenad Krstic	Power Forward	53	63	59	57	37	65	75	59
Dirk Nowitzki	Power Forward	59	69	61	61	80	88	85	86
Mehmet Okur	Center	43	70	48	60	55	65	51	57
Tony Parker	Point Guard	60	43	99	99	88	89	85	67
Mickael Pietrus	Shooting Guard	80	56	62	71	60	70	50	24
Vladimir Radmanovic	Power Forward	75	63	64	63	60	64	39	39
Peja Stojakovic	Small Forward	61	63	69	75	67	87	86	80
Hedo Turkoglu	Small Forward	37	55	61	69	67	59	70	39
Beno Udrih	Point Guard	55	56	65	70	61	50	70	30
Sasha Vujacic	Shooting Guard	55	44	70	73	65	50	70	25

Team Adidas





THE TEAM

PLAYER	POSITION	RATING
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	98
Tracy McGrady	Small Forward	93
Tim Duncan	Power Forward	91
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	90
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	84
Dwight Howard	Power Forward	81
Josh Smith	Small Forward	78
Devin Harris	Shooting Guard	77

STARTING FIVE

POSITION	PLAYER
Center	Kevin Garnett
Power Forward	Tim Duncan
Small Forward	Tracy McGrady
Shooting Guard	Gilbert Arenas
Point Guard	Chauncey Billups

Team Adidas is another great team. Though this team can rack up the points, it has a lot of flashy players. This team was built to showboat.





OFFENSIVE SKILLS

NAME	POSITION	FG	3-PT	FT	DUNK	INSIDE SCORING	OFF. AWARENESS	PASS
CGilbert Arenas	Point Guard	82	80	82	75	60	87	86
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	80	81	89	35	55	82	80
Tim Duncan	Power Forward	85	22	67	85	99	93	50
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	80	41	80	90	88	87	72
Devin Harris	Shooting Guard	65	59	72	49	64	70	78
Dwight Howard	Power Forward	55	0	67	82	75	70	15
Tracy McGrady	Small Forward	86	80	80	93	80	91	80
Josh Smith	Small Forward	50	26	68	96	60	55	29

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DEFENSIVE SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	STEALING	BLOCKING	DEF. AWARENESS	QUICKNESS	SPEED
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	83	35	82	87	86
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	82	1	83	86	80
Tim Duncan	Power Forward	36	90	96	65	66
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	65	89	90	70	70
Devin Harris	Shooting Guard	71	15	63	83	90
Dwight Howard	Power Forward	35	3	66	61	64
Tracy McGrady	Small Forward	81	25	82	85	85
Josh Smith	Small Forward	52	75	75	73	80

REBOUNDING

PLAYER	POSITION	OFF. REBOUNDING	DEF. REBOUNDING	JUMP	STRENGTH
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	46	56	60	60
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	12	40	65	65
Tim Duncan	Power Forward	74	94	60	85
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	63	99	89	85
Devin Harris	Shooting Guard	18	32	65	55
Dwight Howard	Power Forward	63	70	60	63
Tracy McGrady	Small Forward	16	68	90	50
Josh Smith	Small Forward	57	75	96	53

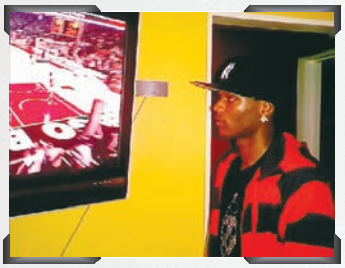
ATHLETIC SKILLS

PLAYER	POSITION	JUMPING	STRENGTH	QUICKNESS	SPEED	DRIBBLE	STAMINA	HARDINESS	CLUTCH
Gilbert Arenas	Point Guard	60	60	87	86	86	75	70	10
Chauncey Billups	Point Guard	65	65	86	80	86	85	84	81
Tim Duncan	Power Forward	60	85	65	66	35	71	85	99
Kevin Garnett	Power Forward	89	85	70	70	61	60	94	73
Devin Harris	Shooting Guard	65	55	83	90	83	81	60	40
Dwight Howard	Power Forward	74	85	56	60	50	73	80	78
Tracy McGrady	Small Forward	90	50	85	85	83	86	70	90
Josh Smith	Small Forward	96	53	73	80	60	63	80	59

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DOMINATING ONLINE

Killing Time with Randy Mohammed



Randy Mohammed

I recently had the pleasure to talk to the number one–ranked overall baller on the Xbox *Live*'s *NBA LIVE 06* leader boards. Randy is an extremely talented player with exceptional skill; his skills are equally evident on the real court.

Hailing out of Queens, New York, the East Coast native is 20 years old, but he plays like a 20-year NBA veteran. After defeating locals in Queens, he tested his skills online. He has reigned supreme since hitting number one. Aside from *NBA LIVE 06* he also plays *Madden NFL 06* and *Fight Night Round 3*.

Fernando Bueno: Hey, Randy, tell the readers who you are, and why you are in this season's *NBA LIVE 07* Official Game Guide.

Randy Mohammed: I'm Randy. I've been number one on Xbox *Live* for about six months.

NOTE

Update: Randy has been ranked number one overall in *NBA LIVE 06* for over six months now. His lead over the competition is substantial.

FB: What is the main key to being number one?

RM: The key to getting to the number one spot is trying to win the most games possible without losing.

FB: Ha ha. OK, then. What is the most important thing to keep in mind when trying to reach a top-ranked position online?

RM: No matter what, don't ever quit. No matter if you are down 100 points, just finish the game. Quitting a game is 10 times worse than losing by any amount. When you quit it counts as a "did not finish" and it drops you about 500 rank points. If you lost a game you would probably lose about 10 to 20 rank points.

FB: So you must have played a lot of games to earn the top spot. How did you break the top 100?

RM: As for getting to the top 100, it's all about rank points. If you beat a higher-ranked player you would get more rank points than playing a lower-ranked player. Also, if you beat a higher-ranked team with a lower-ranked team, you get more points.

FB: So there is a decent amount of strategizing before you play a game. Getting there is one thing—what about staying at the top?

RM: The key for me staying at number one is picking my opponents wisely. Of course, everyone's gonna log on and go to the leader boards and send the number one person messages all day challenging them to a game. You shouldn't play everyone who challenges you. Become good friends with players with a good rank and play them. Playing someone with a low rank won't help boost your rank. For example, say there is someone who's 200 and 0 and ranked at about 50. When I was 115 and 7, I was ranked number five. That's because I played a lot of high-ranked players. Anyone can play 200 "noobs" and be undefeated.

FB: Ha ha, "noobs," eh? Well said. So by staying at the top you maintain your rank points?

RM: When you get to the top, the amount of points you get for a win decreases. Also, if I was to play someone ranked 500 I would get about 1 point, if I played someone in the top 100 I would get about 15 to 20 points, and people in the top 10 I would get about 40 points.

NOTE

All talk of rank points garnered is estimate only. They are used for example, not for accuracy.

FB: Playing top-ranked teams seems to be the key. But you still have to win to get the points. What if you lose?

RM: If I was to lose to a top 10 player, I would lose about 80 points, which makes it hard to maintain the number one spot. Right now I'm ranked number one with about 6,100 points. Second place has about 5,000 points. You do the math. It would be pretty hard to catch up. Once I got to the top I only played people in about the top 250 because any lower-ranked players would be a waste of time.

NOTE

If you log on and catch Randy online, you will see that his Gamerscore is scant when compared to most players. Yeah—hours of practice on the court and dedication to online competition leave little room to boost your Gamerscore with other games.

FB: Got it. So you pick your teams and opponents wisely. But in order to beat a higher-ranked player with a higher-ranked team, you must have skills on the court. How do you run your offense?

RM: Some plays I like to run are Pick-and-Roll, Isolation, and Post Up for the center. The key to winning is rebounding and getting defensive stops. The more offensive rebounds you get, the more opportunities you get at scoring. I shoot a lot of threes with about 47 percent accuracy, and most of the time, if I miss, I get the rebound and have another opportunity to score. That gets most opponents frustrated.

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FB: So this is a strategy you can employ with any team. What about your favorite team?

RM: My favorite team is the Cleveland Cavaliers. I love LeBron. To me, he has the potential to be as great as or greater than Michael Jordan. There hasn't been a player who's done everything for his team like LeBron. At such a young age he shows the maturity and has the body of a 10-year veteran. I play with them a lot. I usually drive to the hole with LeBron and dish off to Ilgauskas for the two or Damon Jones for the three. If you have a center that can shoot, they will hit the two-pointer after a drive and dish about 80 percent of the time.

NOTE

Randy updated his rosters to reflect Damon Jones's move to the Cleveland Cavaliers.

FB: Do you use the Cavs often?

RM: My favorite team to use in *NBA LIVE 06* is the Chicago Bulls. Even though the Cavs are my favorite team, the Bulls fit my style of play more. They are more of a fast break, three-point shooting team. In order to run a successful fast break, you must always keep the ball moving up court. By passing, depending on the defense, I would set up for a three or drive to the hole.

FB: What kind of things have you noticed in your opponents?

RM: A lot of times, people miss a lot of layups.

FB: Why is that?

RM: The reason for that is contact on the defense; you know there's contact when your controller vibrates. To be successful making layups and dunks, try to avoid contact as much as possible. Use the right analog stick to do crossovers to get around the contact.

FB: Good tip. What about sinking threes?

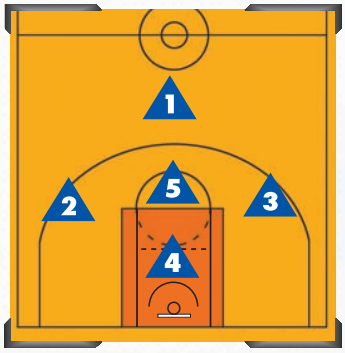
RM: Shooting threes is all about setting your players up and having good shooting form. You can set players up using Pick-and-Rolls or Pick-and-Pop plays, but having a good release is as important. You can't hold the shoot button too long or too short; about .7 seconds is good.

FB: So you're a high-offense type of player?

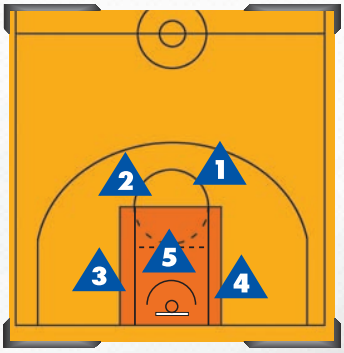
RM: One of the most important things about playing online is defense, and the hardest move to defend is the spin. To defend the spin move, I normally try to stay in front of the ball handler with my hands up, leaving them no room to spin past me. It's also good to bump them every time they spin so they could take a step back.

FB: Ah, now we're talking. Tell me more about your defensive style.

RM: On defense I play a certain defense according to what type of player I'm playing. If the person likes to drive a lot or shoot midrange shots, I'll play 1-3-1 or man defense. If he likes to shoot a lot of threes, I'll play 2-3 or 3-2 Zone defense.



1-3-1 defense



2-3 Zone defense

FB: What about your actions on the court? How do you man-up on defense?

RM: I usually defend the jump shot with my hands up, never jumping or leaving my feet because they might throw a head fake. If they do, I can defend the drive. Always stay on your feet.

FB: That's unconventional, but it must work. So what if they try and drive into the paint?

RM: To defend the drive, always try to clog up the lane and always stay close to the defender with your hands up. That way you can bump the defender on their way up to the basket; this will distract their shot and, most of the time, cause them to miss. You can also block layups standing with your hands straight up if you are in the right place at the release of the shot.

FB: This all sounds like it takes hours to perfect. I've logged on a few times and seen your status as "In Practice Gym" or something like that. Does that help?

RM: You should use the practice gym to work on the release of your jump shot and to learn all of the crossover moves. My favorite move is the behind-the-back dribble; to do this you move the right analog stick in a clockwise motion from right to left—this helps you to dribble through defenders. When I'm in the practice gym, I normally shoot from different spots on the court and see where it's easiest to make it from. The corner is easiest for me to make threes from, I guess since it's the shortest distance from the line. The closer you are to the three-point line, the higher percent you will shoot. If you're a couple steps back it will be harder. Simple as that.

FB: Leave the readers with one last tidbit of wisdom.

RM: Most of the time people miss shots because they are scared to shoot; you have to be confident in your shot. Don't hesitate or think about it, just be confident. If you hesitate, it will knock you out of rhythm and you will most likely miss.

FB: Thanks, Randy. Now let's load up *Fight Night* so I can open up a can.

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NATIONAL TV & RADIO SCHEDULE

ABC

GAME	DAY	DATE	ET	ET	AWAY	HOME	NETWORK
1	Monday	12/25/06	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	L.A. Lakers	Miami	ABC
2	Sunday	1/21/07	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Dallas	Miami	ABC
3	Sunday	1/28/07	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Phoenix	Cleveland	ABC
4	Sunday	1/28/07		3:30 PM	San Antonio	L.A. Lakers	ABC
5	Sunday	2/4/07		2:30 PM	Detroit	Cleveland	ABC
6	Sunday	2/11/07	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	San Antonio	Miami	ABC
7	Sunday	2/11/07		3:30 PM	L.A. Lakers	Cleveland	ABC
8	Sunday	2/25/07	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Chicago	Detroit	ABC
9	Sunday	2/25/07		3:30 PM	Cleveland	Miami	ABC
10	Sunday	3/4/07	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	L.A. Lakers	Phoenix	ABC
11	Sunday	3/11/07	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Chicago	Boston	ABC#
	Sunday	3/11/07		3:30 PM	Orlando	Houston	ABC#
	Sunday	3/11/07		3:30 PM	Denver	Sacramento	ABC#
12	Sunday	3/18/07	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Dallas	Detroit	ABC
13	Sunday	3/25/07	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Chicago	Indiana	ABC#
	Sunday	3/25/07		3:30 PM	Houston	NO/OKC	ABC#
	Sunday	3/25/07		3:30 PM	Phoenix	Sacramento	ABC#
14	Sunday	4/1/07	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Miami	Detroit	ABC
15	Sunday	4/1/07		3:30 PM	Dallas	Phoenix	ABC
16	Sunday	4/8/07	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Cleveland	Detroit	ABC
17	Sunday	4/8/07		3:30 PM	Phoenix	L.A. Lakers	ABC
18	Sunday	4/15/07	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	San Antonio	Dallas	ABC
19	Sunday	4/15/07		3:30 PM	New Jersey	Indiana	ABC#
	Sunday	4/15/07		3:30 PM	Chicago	Washington	ABC#
	Sunday	4/15/07		3:30 PM	Sacramento	L.A. Clippers	ABC#

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1	Wednesday	11/1/06	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Washington	Cleveland	ESPN
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3	Friday	11/3/06	8:00 PM	7:00 PM	Cleveland	San Antonio	ESPN
4	Friday	11/3/06	10:30 PM	7:30 PM	Seattle	L.A. Lakers	ESPN
5	Wednesday	11/8/06	8:00 PM	7:00 PM	Phoenix	San Antonio	ESPN
6	Wednesday	11/8/06	10:30 PM	7:30 PM	Detroit	Sacramento	ESPN
7	Friday	11/10/06	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Miami	New Jersey	ESPN
8	Friday	11/10/06	10:30 PM	7:30 PM	Detroit	L.A. Lakers	ESPN
9	Sunday	11/12/06	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Houston	Miami	ESPN
10	Wednesday	11/15/06	9:00 PM	6:00 PM	Memphis	Sacramento	ESPN
11	Friday	11/17/06	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Washington	Detroit	ESPN
12	Friday	11/17/06	10:30 PM	8:30 PM	Philadelphia	Phoenix	ESPN
13	Sunday	11/19/06	8:00 PM	5:00 PM	Chicago	L.A. Lakers	ESPN
14	Wednesday	11/22/06	7:30 PM	6:30 PM	Miami	San Antonio	ESPN
15	Friday	11/24/06	8:00 PM	7:00 PM	Dallas	San Antonio	ESPN
16	Friday	11/24/06	10:30 PM	8:30 PM	New Jersey	Phoenix	ESPN
17	Sunday	11/26/06	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	L.A. Clippers	Denver	ESPN
18	Friday	12/1/06	8:30 PM	7:30 PM	Sacramento	Dallas	ESPN
19	Wednesday	12/6/06	9:00 PM	8:00 PM	Philadelphia	Chicago	ESPN
20	Friday	12/8/06	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Washington	Philadelphia	ESPN
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22	Wednesday	12/13/06	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	Phoenix	Miami	ESPN
23	Wednesday	12/13/06	9:30 PM	8:30 PM	L.A. Lakers	Dallas	ESPN
24	Friday	12/15/06	8:00 PM	7:00 PM	Philadelphia	Dallas	ESPN
25	Friday	12/15/06	10:30 PM	7:30 PM	Houston	L.A. Lakers	ESPN
26	Wednesday	12/20/06	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Cleveland	New Jersey	ESPN
27	Wednesday	12/20/06	10:30 PM	7:30 PM	Dallas	Seattle	ESPN
28	Friday	12/22/06	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Philadelphia	Boston	ESPN
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30	Friday	1/5/07	8:00 PM	7:00 PM	Dallas	San Antonio	ESPN
31	Friday	1/5/07	10:30 PM	8:30 PM	Miami	Phoenix	ESPN
32	Wednesday	1/10/07	9:00 PM	7:00 PM	San Antonio	Denver	ESPN
33	Friday	1/12/07	8:00 PM	7:00 PM	Washington	NO/OKC	ESPN
34	Friday	1/12/07	10:30 PM	8:30 PM	Houston	Denver	ESPN
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39	Friday	1/26/07	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	Cleveland	Philadelphia	ESPN
40	Sunday	1/28/07	6:30 PM	6:30 PM	Indiana	Detroit	ESPN

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43	Friday	2/2/07	10:30 PM	7:30 PM	Chicago	Seattle	ESPN
44	Friday	2/9/07	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Miami	Cleveland	ESPN
45	Friday	2/9/07	10:30 PM	7:30 PM	Chicago	Golden State	ESPN
46	Sunday	2/11/07	8:00 PM	6:00 PM	Chicago	Phoenix	ESPN
47	Wednesday	2/21/07	9:00 PM	8:00 PM	Miami	Houston	ESPN
48	Friday	2/23/07	8:00 PM	7:00 PM	Washington	Chicago	ESPN
49	Friday	2/23/07	10:30 PM	8:30 PM	Utah	Denver	ESPN
50	Sunday	2/25/07	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Sacramento	Indiana	ESPN
51	Friday	3/2/07	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Detroit	Miami	ESPN
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53	Sunday	3/4/07	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	New Jersey	Philadelphia	ESPN
54	Sunday	3/11/07	9:00 PM	6:00 PM	Dallas	L.A. Lakers	ESPN
55	Wednesday	3/14/07	9:00 PM	8:00 PM	Phoenix	Dallas	ESPN
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62	Saturday	3/31/07	3:00 PM	2:00 PM	Cleveland	Chicago	ESPN
63	Wednesday	4/4/07	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Chicago	Detroit	ESPN
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65	Friday	4/6/07	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Cleveland	Washington	ESPN
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68	Friday	4/13/07	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Indiana	Miami	ESPN
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5	Thursday	11/9/06	8:00 PM	8:00 PM	Chicago	Cleveland	TNT
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13	Thursday	12/14/06	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	Orlando	Charlotte	TNT
14	Thursday	12/14/06	9:30 PM	8:30 PM	San Antonio	NO/OKC	TNT
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16	Thursday	12/21/06	10:30 PM	7:30 PM	Washington	Sacramento	TNT
17	Thursday	12/28/06	8:00 PM	7:00 PM	Phoenix	Dallas	TNT
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19	Thursday	1/4/07	8:00 PM	7:00 PM	Detroit	NO/OKC	TNT
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